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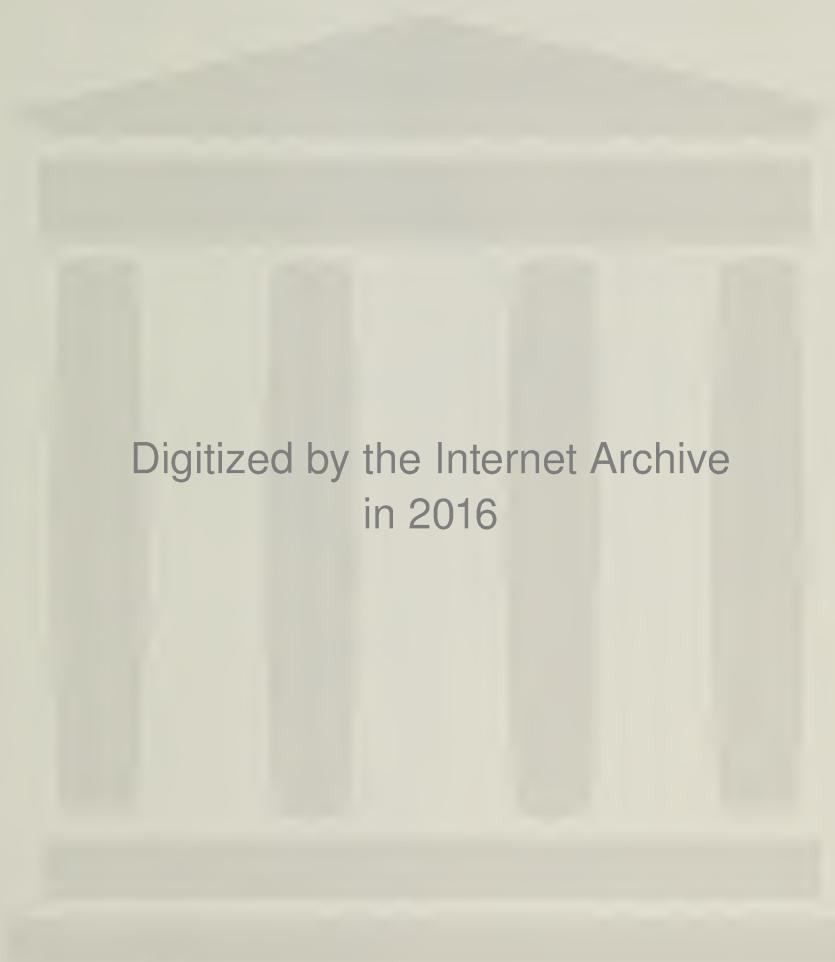
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Painted by John Rubens Smith, *circa* 1808

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Bethia the daughter of our brother mr Brattle } bapt. the 16th day of the 10th moneth 1666.

Mary the wife of Joseph Knight } Elizabeth the Daughter of our brother Willyam Read.

Thomas and Mary the children of our sister Sheerod.

Mary and Susan the children of our brother Ambros Dawes bapt. the 23d day of the 10th moneth 1666.

Mary the Daughter of our sister mistress Person.

Mary the Daughter of our sister wife of John Matson.

Susan and Anna the Daughters of our sister wif of Ambrose Dawes bapt. the 30th day of the 10th moneth 1666.

Elizabeth the Daughter of mr Mather } bapt. the 3d day of the 12th moneth 1666.

Obedia the sone of our sister Mary Eminis } Edward the sone of our brother Edward Davis.

Thomas the sone of our sister Ruth the wife of John Marshall bapt. the 9th day of the 12th moneth 1666.

Elisha the sone of our brother mr Rocke bapt. the 17th day of the 12th moneth 1666.

Margaret the Daughter of our brother mr Davy } bapt. the 24th day of the 12th moneth 1666.

Marcy the Daughter of our sister Burges }

Hanna the Daughter of our brother Jacob Eliot } bapt. the 24th day of the 1st moneth 1667.

James the sone of our sister Andrewes }

John the sone of our sister Kneeland.

Manasse the sone of our sister Becke.

Ann the daughter of our brother Samuell Mason was bapt. the 13th day of the 10th moneth 1668.

John the sone of our brother Theophe-
lous Frary.

Elizabeth the Daughter of our brother Joseph Davis was bapt. the 20th day of the 10th moneth 1668.

Ann the Daughter of our brother Thomas Matson.

Martha the Daughter of our sister Martha the wif of Willyam Smyth bapt. the 17th day of the 11th moneth 1668.

John the sone of our Brother Henry Philips bapt. the 24th day of the 11th moneth 1668.

John the sone of our sister deliverenc the wif of John Wakfeild.

Mary the Daughter of our brother Wil-
liam Talmage Bapt. the 31st day of the 11th moneth 1668.

Thomas the sone of our brother Thom-
as Fitch.

Mehitabell the Daughter of our sister Mary the wif of on³ Eldridge bapt. the 7th day of the 12th moneth 1668.

Rebecka the Daughter of our sister wife of Jeremiah Fitch bapt. the 22d day of the 12th moneth 1668.

Jeremiah the sone of our sister wif of Jeremia Belcher.

Elizabeth the Daughter of our brother Captain Thomas Savage.

Sara the Daughter of our sister wife of John Franks bapt. the 28th day of the 12th moneth 1668.

John Davenport the son of mr John Davenport Junior.

Elizabeth the Daughter of our sister wif of Theoder Atkinson.

Susana the Daughter of our sister wife of Ambrose Dawes.

Sara the Daughter of sister wife of

³ i.e. one.

Robert the sone of our brother Robert Sanford bapt. the 14th day of the 2d moneth 1667.	George Manning Bapt. the 21st day of the 1st moneth 1669.
John the sone of our sister Sara Franks	Richard the sone of our brother Robert Sanford.
John and Jain the children of our sister Keyne	Johnathan the sone of our sister wif of Johnathan Balston.
Abiell Everill, John and Elizabeth the children of our brother mr John Aldin bapt. the 28th day of the 2d moneth 1667.	Willyam the sone of our sister wife of Richard Gibbs Bapt. the 28th day of the 1st moneth 1669.
Samuell Lynde borne Dec. 1, 1663	Hesekia the sone of our sister wif of James Burges.
John Lynde borne Nov. 9, 1657	Rebecka the Daughter of our sister wif of John Bucknell Bapt. the 4th day of the 2d moneth 1669.
Nathaniel Lynde borne Nov. 22, 1659	Elizabeth the Daughter of our sister Winsor.
Elizabeth Lynde borne March 25, 1662	John the sone of our brother Willyam Read Bapt. the 25th day of the 2d moneth 1669.
Joseph Lynde borne August 2, 1664	Prissilla the Daughter of our sister wife to Deane Winthrop bapt. the 16th day of the 3d moneth 1669.
Beniamin Lynde borne Sept. 23, 1666	John Clough the sone of our brother John Clough bapt. June 6, 1669.
Zachary the sone of our brother mr John Aldin bapt. the 19th day of the 3d moneth 1667.	Samuell the sone of our sister the wif of John Marshall bapt. the 18th day of the 5th moneth 1669.
Daniel the sone of our brother Collinell Seirle bapt. the 2d day of the 4th moneth 1667.	
Susana the Daughter of mistress Hinksman a member of a church at Dublin in Ireland bapt. the 9th day of the 4th moneth 1667.	
Samuell the sone of our sister Brookin. Elizabeth the Daughter of our sister wif to Nathaniell Harwood bapt. the 16th day of the 4th moneth 1667.	
Mehetabel the Daughter of our brother Henry Philips bapt. the 21st day of the 5th moneth 1667.	
Christian the Daughter of our sister Brookin	
James the sone of our sister Robinson	

Mr. Norton—*vid. page 263.*⁴

⁴ Later hand, *i.e.* p. 267. Refers to date of ordination.

Jacob Eliot and Edward Ransford were chosen Deacons in the year 1666 and 1667.

Mr John Davenport was chosen pastor and Mr James Allen was chosen Teacher of this church and ordained to their office one⁵ the 9th of December 1668.

Henry Bridgman, Robert Saunders, Henry Allen was chosen Deacons and ordained on the 14th day of the 12th moneth 1668.

N.B. Here's an Intermission of Baptisms from Mr Wilson's Death, to Mr Davenport and Mr Allen's Ordination. Perhaps some Children in this time might be baptised elsewhere.⁶

[274] Mr John Davenport pastor of this church Dyed the 15th day of the 1st moneth 1669/70. He lived with them not full 2 years.

Hanna the Daughter of our Teacher mr James Allen Bapt. the 25th day of the 5th moneth 1669.

Jaine the Daughter of our brother mr Anthony Stoddard.

William the sone of our brother mr Hinchman Bapt. the 1st day of the 6th moneth 1669.

Ann the Daughter of our brother mr John Chickly.

Samuel the sone of our brother John Lovel Bapt. the 8th day of the 6th moneth 1669.

Ann the Daughter of our sister the wif of Thomas sheares bapt. the 22d day of the 6th moneth 1669.

Pitford the sone of our brother mr Freegrace Bendall.

Humphry the sone of our sister wif of Daniell Turant bapt. Sept. 12, 1669.

Hanna the Daughter of our brother Edward Davis bapt. the 25th day of the 7th moneth 1669.

Elizabeth the Daughter of our brother John Viall bapt. the 10th day of the 2d moneth 1670.

John the sone of our brother John Clough was bapt. the 24th day of the 2d moneth 1670.

John Bezaliell and Mary the children of our sister Mary Leveret the wife of Hudson Leveret.

Elizabeth the Daughter of our Sister mistress Noushzwel⁷ bapt. the 8th day of the 3d moneth 1670.

Ann the Daughter of our Sister Ann wif to mr Linde.

Joseph and Mary Simmons children of our sister wife of our brother John Button bapt. the 22d day of the 3d moneth 1670.

Thomas Fairweather, Penellope Faierweather, John Faierweather children of our sister Sara wife of John Fayerweather.

Darlow Turner, Robert Turner, Sara Turner children of our sister wif of Epharim Turner.

Hanna Turner the Daughter of our sister wife to John Turner bapt. the 12th day of the 4th moneth 1670.

⁵ i.e. one.

⁶ Later hand, probably by Thomas Foxcroft.

⁷ Probably Snowsell. Cf. Town Records.

Simon the sone of mr Simon Broodstreet.
John the sone of Samuell Mattock bapt.
the 24th day of the 8th moneth 1669.

Theodor the sone of Theodor Atkinson
Junior.

Thomas the sone of our sister mistres
person bapt. the 31st day of the 8th
moneth 1669.

Mary Cowell the Daughter of John
Cowell his wife being a member was
bapt. the 21st day of the 9th moneth
1669.

The Daughter of our brother David
Chapin bapt. the 19th day of the 10th
moneth 1669.

Mary the Daughter of our sister
Brookin.

John the sone of our brother James
Mackwell.

Deliveranc the Daughter of our sister
Knight bapt. the 23d day of the 11th
moneth 1669.

Joseph the sone of our brother mr Saf-
fan bapt. the 6th day of the 12th
moneth 1669.

Nathaniell the sone of our sister Mary
Emins bapt. the 13th day of the 12th
moneth 1669.

Samuell the sone of mistres Alcock a
member of the church of Cambridge.

Ruth the Daughter of our brother
Joseph How bapt. the 6th day of the 1st
moneth 1669/70.

Marah the Daughter of our brother
Samuel Norden.

Elizabeth the Daughter of mistres
Tompson a member of the church of
Cambridge bapt. the 27th day of the
1st moneth 1670.

Hanna the Daughter of our sister Mary
the wife of John Hill bapt. the 12th
day of the 4th moneth 1670.

Elizabeth the Daughter of our brother
mr John Usher bapt. the 19th day of
the 4th moneth 1670.

Sarah the Daughter of our brother
maior Leveret bapt. the 3d day of the
5th moneth 1670.

John Phillips the sone of our brother
Henry Philips bapt. the 10th day of the
5th moneth 1670.

Satisfaction Belcher, Faith and Mercy
the children of our sister Mary Belcher.
Lidya the Daughter of our sister Lidia
wife of John Drury bapt. the 31st day
of the 5th moneth 1670.

Samuell and John sones of John War-
rin.

Nathaniell the sone of our sister Lidia
wif of Nathaniell Willyams bapt. the
14th day of the 6th moneth 1670.

James Allen the sone of mr James Allen
teacher.

Joseph, James and Hanna the children
of our sister Abigail Lovell.

Elizabeth Mattocks the Daughter of our
sister Constance wif to James Mattocke
bapt. the 21st day of the 6th moneth
1670.

Hester Lockston 20 years old was bapt.
the 28th day of the 6th moneth 1670.

[275] Mr James Penn Elder of the
Church Dyed the 30th day of the
8th moneth 1671 aged 70 haueinge
beene Elder 20 years.

Beniamin the sone of our brother John
Meriam bapt. the 4th day of the 7th
moneth 1670.

Temperance and Robert Smith the chil-

Samuell the sone of our sister Ruth
Bosworth.

Sara the Daughter of our sister Sara
Tucker bapt. the 7th day of the 3d
moneth 1671.

Lydia Moore the mother and Lidya the
Daughter.

Elizabeth Lawson.

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dren of our sister Temperance Smith bapt. Oct. 9, 1670.

Edmund, Henry, Benjamin, John, Elizabeth Mumford the children of our sister Elizabeth Mumford bapt. Oct. 9, 1670.

John Parmeter the sone of our sister Lidya Parmeter bapt. the 6th day of the 9th moneth 1670.

John the sone of our sister wife of Hope Allen bapt. the 20th day of the 9th moneth 1670.

Moses Bradford the sone of our brother Moses Bradford.

Epharim Turner the sone of our sister wif of Epharim Turner bapt. the 26th day of the 9th moneth 1670.

Epharim Beck the son of our sister wif of Manasse Beck.

Elizabeth the Daughter of our sister Abigail wif of Abram Busby bapt. the 1st day of the 11th moneth 1670.

Georg Newell, Michaell, Joseph, Hana the children of our sister Lidia wife of George Newell was bapt. the 22d day of the 11th moneth 1670.

Peter Renold the sone of our brother Nathaniell Renold.

Lidia Millard the daughter of our sister Lidia Millard.

Mary the daughter of our sister wif of John Greenleaf bapt. the 29th day of the 11th moneth 1670.

Samuell the sone of our Brother John Lowell bapt. the 5th day of the 12th moneth 1670.

Soloman the sone of our sister wif of John Neeland.

James the sone of our sister Martha wife of Willyam Smyth bapt. the 12th day of the 12th moneth 1670.

Mary Bucknell the Daughter of our sister Bucknill Bapt. the 5th day of the 1st moneth 1671.

Abram the sone of mr John Davenport.

Elizabeth Foster the Daughter of our sister Foster bapt. the 14th day of the 3d moneth 1671.

Thomas Wibourne and Mary Wibourne the children of our sister Mary Wibourne bapt. the 28th day of the 3d moneth 1671.

Mary the Daughter of our sister Tewksberry bapt. the 18th day of the 4th moneth 1671.

James the sone of our brother James Townesend bapt. the 2d day of the 5th moneth 1671.

John, Joseph, Mary the children of our sister Elizabeth Skinner wife of John Skinner bapt. the 9th day of the 5th moneth 1671.

Mary Foster the Daughter of our sister Elizabeth Foster bapt. the 23d day of the 5th moneth 1671.

Thomas Smyth the sone of our sister Smyth bapt. the 30th day of the 5th moneth 1671.

Willyam Long the sone of our sister Long.

Willyam and Elizabeth Weeb the children of our sister Grace Webb bapt. the 6th day of the 6th moneth 1671.

Henry Knozell the sone of our sister mistres Knozell.

Richard Miles the sone of our sister Experienc Miles.

Mary and Ann Hewes the Daughter of our sister Mary Hewes bapt. the 20th day of the 6th moneth 1671.

Mary the Daughter of our sister Elizabeth Webb bapt. the 3d day of the 7th moneth 1671.

Martha the Daughter of our sister Belcher bapt. the 17th day of the 7th moneth 1671.⁸

Thomas Butolph
Mary Butolph
Abigaill Butolph
Nicholas Butolph

Children of our sister Mary Butolph widow Bapt. the 1st day of the 8th moneth 1671.

⁸ Here end the entries in the hand of James Penn begun in 1650. The entries from this point through the 26th of the 6th month, 1677, are in the hand of John Wiswell.

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Robert Dudson sonne of our sister Dudson Bapt. the 24th day of the 1st moneth 1671/2.

same daye Elizabeth }
Daughter of our } Bapt.

Brother Edward Allen }

same day Phillip sone }
of our sister Squire } Bapt.

The 14th Day of the 2d Moneth 1672.

Were baptizd a child of our brother John Violl.⁹

Also Ephraim Egland the sonne of our sister Phebe Egland.

Also a child of our sister Belshur who Lives about Rumneymarsh or Wenysement.

The 28th Day of the 2d Moneth 1672.

Were Bapt. a Chilld of our sister Franckes.

A child of our sister Faireweather.

Also a child of [blank].

The 12th Day of the 3d Moneth 1672.

Were Bapt. a child of our Brother Samuell Bragge.

Also a Child of our brother Maxwell named [blank].

The 19th Day of the 3d Moneth 1672.

A Child¹ of our sister Mary Knight the wife of Joseph Knight was bapt.

Elizabeth the Daughter of our brother Phillips.

Martha Waluer same Daye Admitted member and all Baptized.

The 25th Day of the 6th Moneth 1672.

John Tucker sonne of our sister Tucker. Elizabeth Daughter [blank].

Zechaus Boswoorth sonne of our sister [blank].²

Thomas }
Mary } Walner children of our sister
all baptised same Daye.

The 1st Day of the 7th Moneth 1672.

A Child of our sister Smith³ was Bapt.

The 11th Day of the 7th Moneth 1672.

mr Fiske⁴ was ordained at Braintree.

The 15th Day of the 7th Moneth 1672.

Abigail the Daughter of our brother mr John Davenport was Baptized.

The 22d Day of the 7th Moneth 1672.

Jonathan Smith⁵ sonne of our sister Temperance Smith Bapt.

The 6th Day of the 8th Moneth 1672.

Elizabeth the Daughter of our sister [blank] was Bapt.

The 17th Day of the 9th Moneth 1672.

Lidia Mumforth }
Mehetabell Mattocke } baptised.

⁹ John, son of John and Mary Viall, born Sept. 14, 1642 (Town Records).

¹ Dinah, daughter of Joseph and Mary Knight, born May 15, 1672 (Town Records).

² Zaccheus, son of Samuel and Mary Bosworth, born Aug. 2, 1672 (Town Records).

³ Samuel, son of Thomas and Temperance Smith, born Aug. 23, 1672 (Town Records).

⁴ Moses Fiske (1642-1708) Harvard, 1662; settled Westfield, 1668-1671; Braintree (now Quincy), 1672-1708.

⁵ Cf. note 3.

The 26th Day of the 3d Moneth
1672.

Mary the Daughter of our sister Hannah Lynde was Bapt.

Same Daye Martha the Daughter of our brother Robert Williams.

The 2d Day of the 4th Moneth 1672.
John the sonne of our brother John Temple was Bapt. and was buried the 9th day of the 4th moneth 1672.

The 17th Day of the 4th Moneth
1672.

Hester the Daughter of our sister Greene was Baptised.

[277] The 15th Day of the 10th Moneth 1672.

Abigail the Daughter of our sister Atkinson the younger also [John]⁶ of our brother James Townsend were bapt.

The 29th Day of the 10th Moneth
1672.

Mary and Sarai Starkie the Daughters of our sister Starkie.

Also [Blank] of our [Blank] were Baptised.

[William]⁷ Waller [son of] our sister [Mary] Waller the 22d day of the 10th moneth 1672 bapt.

The 5th Day of the 11th Moneth
1672.

Sarai Hewes Daughter of our sister Hewes.

[Blank]⁸ Daughter of brother Norden.
Also Jo [Blank] and Jo [Blank]⁹

⁶ John, son of James and Elizabeth Townsend, born Dec. 14, 1672 (Town Records).

⁷ William, son of Thomas and Mary Waller, born Dec. 20, 1672 (Town Records).

⁸ No daughter in Town Records.

⁹ Joseph, son of Jonathan and Mary Gatleife, born Feb. 15, 1672/3 (Town Records).

¹ Susanna, daughter of Andrew and Mehitable Clarke, born Mar. 12, 1673 (Town Records).

The 24th Day of the 9th Moneth
1672.

Ebinezer the sonne of our brother Clough was bapt.

The 1st Day of the 10th Moneth
1672.

Ruth Daughter of our sister Chapen was Bapt.

The 8th Day of the 10th Moneth
1672.

John Darby and Sara Darby Children of our sister Darby.

The same Day Sara the Daughter of our sister Messinger Bapt.

The 20th Day of the 2d Moneth
1673.

Hannah the Daughter of our sister Moomforth was Baptized.

The 27th Day of the 2d Moneth
1673.

[Susanna the Daughter]¹ of our sister Clerke was Bapt.

The 18th Day of the 3d Moneth
1673.

Hannah the Daughter of our brother Ephraim Searle was bapt.

The 4th Day of the 3d Moneth 1673.

Thomas Sanford sonne of our brother Robert Sanford.

Martha and William Litherland Children of our sister Rachel Letherland were baptized.

(the reason of the misplaceinge is they were forgotten.)

sonnes of our sister Gatline were baptized.

The 12th Day of the 11th Moneth 1672.

[Samuel]² sonne of our sister Ruggles was Bapt.

The 26th Day of the 11th Moneth 1672.

Elizabeth Daughter of our sister Alcocke was Bapt.

The 16th Day of the 12th Moneth 1672.

John Greeneleaf sonne of our sister Greenleaf was bapt.

Also Robert Bradford sonne of our brother Moyses Bradford was bapt.

The 23d Day of the 12th Moneth 1672.

Hannah Maninge Daughter of our sister Dinsdale and Adam Dinsdale her sonne also were both bapt.

Same Daye John Lowell sonne of our sister Lowell baptiz.

The 9th Day of the 1st Moneth 1672/3.

Isaac Norden sonne of our brother Norden and

Sarai Emons Daughter of our brother Emons were Bapt.

The 30th Day of the 1st Moneth 1673.

Jeremiah Allen sonne of our Teacher mr James Allen was baptised and his mother was buried the 5th day of the 2d moneth 1673.

The 8th Day of the 4th Moneth 1673.

John Williams sonne of our sister Williams.

[Susanna]³ Daughter of our brother Douse was bapt.

The 15th Day of the 4th Moneth 1673.

John Allen sonne of our brother Edward Allen and

John Copp sonne of David Copp were bapt.

The 22d Day of the 4th Moneth 1673.

Sarai Leueritt Daughter of our brother John Leueritt Governor

And Humphrey Davie sonne of Humphrey Davie were bapt.

Same Daye a tyme was appointed for a Church meetinge to Confer of the tyme and order for ordination of brother Clerke to the office of a Ruleinge Elder, also intimation was given of a Letter from the Dissenters unto the Church.

The 13th Day of the 5th Moneth 1673.

Beniamin Swete sonne of our sister Swete was Baptized.

The 20th Day of the 5th Moneth 1673.

Sarah Moore the Daughter of our brother John Moore was bapt.

The 27th Day of the 5th Moneth 1673.

[Ruth⁴ the daughter] of our sister Neeland was baptized the same daye the Letter for answer to the Dissenters was Read.

² Samuel, son of Samuel and Sarah Ruggles, born Oct. 1, 1672 (Town Records).

³ Susanna, daughter of Ambrose and Mary Dawse, born Jan. 11, 1673 (Town Records).

⁴ Ruth, daughter of John and Mary Kneeland, born July 30, 1673 (Town Records).

The 13th Day of the 2d Moneth
1673.

Sarah the Daughter of our sister Dinsdale was bapt.

The 3d Day of the 6th Moneth 1673.

[Deliverance]⁵ of our sister Turner was bapt.

Same daye was the lords supper: and in the sermon tyme Came a Letter unto the governour which gave intelligence that the Dutch Fleet had made an Assault upon New Yorke but the issue not then knowne: the Assault was the 30th day of the 5th moneth 1673.

The 10th Day of the 6th Moneth
1673.

Mary the Daughter of our sister Balsom.

Mary the Daughter of our brother Clough.

Martha the Daughter of Edward Cowell.

Beniamin [blank] presented by sister Douce about 6 or 7 yeare old
all the Daye abousd⁶ Baptised.

[278] The 17th Day of the 6th Moneth 1673.

Mehetabel the Daughter of Sarah Orchard bapt.

The 21st Day of the 7th Moneth
1673.

James Jepson sonne of John Jepson
Bapt.

The 19th Day of the 8th Moneth
1673.

Thomas Dyer sonne of John Dyer was by Comunion of churches bapt. his Father being a member of Weymoth church.

Same Daye Ruth the Daughter of our sister Web was baptized.

The 22d Day of the 12th Moneth
1673.

Mercy Brookin Daughter of our sister Brookin was baptized.

The 8th Day of the 1st Moneth
1673/4.

Elizabeth Lowell Daughter of John Lowell was baptised.

The 15th Day of the 1st Moneth
1673/4.

Henry Bridgham sonne of our sister Elizabeth Bridgham was Baptised.

Phebe Eglon Daughter of our sister Eglon was bapt. the 22d day of the 1st moneth 1673/4.

⁵ Deliverance, daughter of Ephraim and Sarah Turner, born Aug. 1, 1673 (Town Records).

⁶ i.e. abovesaid.

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The 26th Day of the 8th Moneth
1673.

Henry the sonne of our brother Henry
Tompson was baptized.

Also Hannah the Daughter of our
brother Samuell Bridges was bapt.

The 9th Day of the 9th Moneth
1673.

Hephzibeh Monioye Daughter of our
brother George Monioye was Bapt.

Also goody Baxter presented.

The 23d Day of the 9th Moneth
1673.

[Blank]⁷ Belcher the [Blank] of our
sister Belcher was Baptised.

The 31st Day of the 9th Moneth
1673.

Judith Allin Daughter of Deacon
Henry Allen.

Mercy Boswoorth Daughter of our sis-
ter Boswoorth.

John Temple sonne of our brother John
Temple were all Baptised.

The 8th Day of the 10th Moneth
1673.

Elizabeth presented by our brother Ser-
gent Jackson.

Mary Mattocke Daughter of our sister
Mattocke both Baptised.

The 18th Day of the 11th Moneth
1673.

Mary the Daughter of our brother Ed-
ward Davis Baptised.

⁷ Nathaniel, son of Jeremiah and Sarah Belcher, born Oct. 27, 1673; Dorothy,
daughter of Josiah and Ruth Belcher, born Oct. 28, 1673 (Town Records).

⁸ Martha, daughter of John and Sarah Starkey, born March 25, 1674 (Town Rec-
ords).

⁹ Mary of Timothy and Experience Thornton, born April 2, 1674 (Town Records).

¹ Joanna of Samuel and Joanna Ward, born March 24, 1674 (Town Records).

² No Leverett recorded in Town Records in 1674. A Sarah of John Esq. and Sarah
Leverett, born June 15, 1673 (Town Records).

³ Not in Town Records.

The 29th Day of the 1st Moneth
1674.

Joseph Dudson sonne of our sister Dud-
son was bapt.

Same Daye Deborah Allen Daughter of
our sister Allen wife of hope Allen.

[Martha]⁸ of our sister starkey Bapt.

The 5th Day of the 2d Moneth 1674.

Freerace Bendall sonne of our brother
Freerace Bendall was Baptised.

Same Daye [Mary]⁹ Thornton Daugh-
ter of our brother Timothy Thornton
baptised.

The 10th Day of the 3rd Moneth
1674.

Thomas Joseph Samuell and Beniamin
Wheeler sonnes of our sister Wheeler
were baptised.

Same Daye Rebecca Crichley Daughter
of our brother Crichley Bapt.

The 24th Day of the 3d Moneth
1674.

[Blank]¹ Children of our sister Johanna
Ward were baptized.

The 7th Day of the 4th Moneth 1674.

[Blank]² of our sister Leueritt was Bap-
tised.

The 21st Day of the 4th Moneth
1674.

[Blank]³ of our brother Samuell Wil-
liams was Baptised.

The 1st Day of the 12th Moneth
1673.

Enoch Lynde sonne of Symond Lynde and Mary Daughter of our brother Maxwell and John sonne of our brother Sam Mason and Hannah the Daughter of our sister Brookin were all Baptised. It is since informed that the child presented by Goodman Brookin was the Child of his sister Longe. John Gatliffe sonne of our sister Gatliffe was Baptised the 15th day of the 12th moneth 1673.

[Jane]⁴ of our sister Squire was bapt. same Daye.

The 12th Day of the 5th Moneth 1674.

[Solomon]⁵ of our brother William Smith was Baptized.

The 2d Day of the 5th Moneth 1674. Pen Townsend sonne of our brother Pen Townsend was baptised.

The 20th Day of the 7th Moneth 1674.

Phillip Renolds sonne of Nathaniell Renolds was bapt.

[279] The 8th Moneth 1674.

Were baptizd the Children of our brother John Butolph.

The 1st Day of the 9th Moneth 1674.

[Blank]⁶ of Ephraim Searle Baptised. About that tyme a child of our sister Travise Baptised.⁷ Also a child of our brother Manninge.⁸

The 22d Day of the 9th Moneth 1674.

[John]⁹ of our sister Parmiter was baptised.

The 6th Day of the 10th Moneth 1674.

John Thwinge sonne of John Thwinge and his sister were Baptized.

Same Daye Sarah Winsor Daughter of our sister Winsor was baptizd.

The 11th Day of the 2d Moneth 1675.

William Younge sonne of our sister Ruth Younge Baptized.

The 25th Day of the 2d Moneth 1675.

Elisha Audlin sonne of our brother Elisha Audlin was Baptized. Same Daye James and Martha Mavericke children of our sister Mavericke were baptizd.

The 16th Day of the 3d Moneth 1675.

William Brookinges sonne of John Brookinges was Baptized.

The 6th Day of the 4th Moneth 1675.

Joseph Belshar sonne of our sister Belshar of Wineysemet¹ Baptized. Same Daye one that Henry Messenger presented.

⁴ Jane of Philip and Rachel Squire, born June 9, 1674 (Town Records).

⁵ Solomon of William and Martha Smith, born July 9, 1674 (Town Records).

⁶ Ephraim, son of Ephraim and Alice Searle, born Nov. 4, 1674 (Town Records).

⁷ Anna, daughter of Richard and Anna Travis, born Oct. 2, 1674 (Town Records).

⁸ Joseph, son of George and Hannah Manning, born Nov. 6, 1674 (Town Records).

⁹ John, son of John and Judith Parmiter, born Nov. 17, 1674 (Town Records).

¹ i.e. Chelsea.

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The 27th Day of the 10th Moneth
1674.

Mary the Daughter of our brother
Jackson was Baptized.

The 3d Day of the 11th Moneth
1674.

Samuell How the sonne of our brother
How was Baptized.

Same daye John Griggs the sonne of
our brother Griggs was baptized.

The 10th Day of the 11th Moneth
1674.

Mary the Daughter of brother James
Townsend was baptized.

The 17th Day of the 11th Moneth
1674.

Samuell How the sonne of our brother
and John Cowell sonne of our sister
Cowell were baptized.

The 31st Day of the 11th Moneth
1674.

Susanna Clow the Daughter of our
brother Clow Junior was Baptized.

The 14th Day of the 12th Moneth
1674.

Phebe and Anne the Daughters of our
brother Sweat were baptized.

The 14th Day of the 1st Moneth
1674/5.

Martha the Daughter of our Sister Jack-
son Baptized.

John and Elizabeth children of our sis-
ter Williams were Baptized.

The 4th Day of the 2d Moneth 1675.

John Ballantine sonne of our brother
John Ballantine and three Children of
Elisha Audlin and another Hannah,
Abigail, Elisha Baptized.

The 13th Day of the 4th Moneth
1675.

William Greeneleaffe sonne of our sis-
ter Greenleaffe Baptized.

Also Mary Boswoorth Daughter of our
sister Boswoorth
another.

The 20th Day of the 4th Moneth
1675.

Peletiah } Munioye sonnes of our
Gershon } brother George Munioye.
John Alcocke sonne of our sister Al-
cocke.

Samuell Bridges sonne of our Brother
Samuell Bridges.

William Ballentine sonne of our brother
John Ballentine.

Hannah Allen Daughter of our brother
Edward Allen were all Baptized.

The 12th Day of the 7th Moneth
1675.

Mercy the Daughter of our brother
Jonathan Bridgham Baptized.

Also Samuell Skinner sonne of our sister
Skinner Baptized.

The 19th Day of the 7th Moneth
1675.

[Blank]² of John Dyer was Baptised.

The 26th Day of the 7th Moneth
1675.

[Blank]³ Moore.

[Blank]⁴ sister Orchard.

The 10th Day of the 8th Moneth
1675.

Thomas Copp son of David Copp
baptised.

The 17th Day of the 8th Moneth
1675.

[Blank]

^{2 3 4} None of these recorded in Town Records. Only 14 births recorded for 1675.

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[280] The 21st Day of the 9th Moneth 1675.

Thomas Thornton sonne
of our brother Timothy Thornton } Bapt.

The 28th Day of the 9th Moneth 1675.

Edward Twingh sonne of Edward Thwinge.

Also ouer mr Stoddard presented

[Blank] name Phebe (I thinke) Baptised.

The 12th Day of the 10th Moneth 1675.

Gamaliell Clerke sonne of Persivall Clerke Bapt.

The 19th Day of the 10th Moneth 1675.

Scarlet Bendall sonne of Freegrace Bendall }
John Tompson sonne of Henery Tompson } Baptised.

The 6th Day of the 12th Moneth 1675.

Ebenezer Allene sonne of Henry Allene
Robert }
William } Wakum children of our sister Wakum }
Hannah }
James } Baptized.

The 27th Day of the 12th Moneth 1675.

Elizabeth Wakum Daughter of our sister Hannah Wakum Baptized.
Same Daye Elisha Web sonne of our brother Web Baptized.

The 2d Day of the 5th Moneth 1676.

John Cottée sonne of John Cotte Baptised.

The 17th Day of the 7th Moneth 1676.

Mary Davenport Daughter of mr John Davenport }
and }
Lidia Travis Daughter of our sister Travis } Baptized.

The 24th Day of the 7th Moneth 1676.

John Griggs son of our brother William Griggs Bapt.

The 8th Day of the 8th Moneth 1676.

David Duer sonne of our sister Duer
and }
Deborah Litherland Daughter of }
our sister Litherland } Baptized.

The 3d Day of the 10th Moneth 1676.

Edward Goodwin Child Baptized.

The 10th Day of the 10th Moneth 1676.

Symon Willard sonne of Samuell Willard Baptized.

Elizabeth Sale Daughter of Ephraime Sale.

Here began to fayle the Record Dec. 10, 1676 now June 7, 1687, 11 yeers and more.⁵

⁵ Later hand.

[281] The 7th Day of the 11th Moneth 1676.

[Blank] Allen.³

[Blank] Lowell.⁷

The 9th Day of the 11th Moneth 1676.

Hutchinson *Thomas deceased*.⁸

John Temple.

Edward Ashley.

The 25th Day of the 11th Moneth 1676.

[Blank] Moore.

The 5th Day of the 1st Moneth 1667/7.⁹

James Gibson sonne of William Gibson Baptized.

The 12th Day of the 1st Moneth 1676.

[Blank]¹ of our brother Saffin Baptized.

The 18th Day of the 1st Moneth 1676/77.

Elizabeth and John Jackson sonne of our sister Jackson Baptised.

The 25th Day of the 1st Moneth 1677.

[Blank]² of our sister Pecke baptised also [Blank].

The 8th Day of the 2nd Moneth 1677.

*Pen son*³ of Pen Townsend, [Blank] of sister Cox Baptised.

The 15th Day of the 2nd Moneth 1677.

A grand Child of Henry Messenger.

A grand Child of John Viall.

The 22d Day of the 2nd Moneth 1677.

[Blank].

The 6th Day of the 3d Moneth 1677.

John Ballentine sonne of John Ballentine Baptised.

The 26th Day of the 6th Moneth 1677.

William Dinsdale sonne of } Bapt.⁴
our sister Dinsdale was

⁶ Ephraim of Henry and Judith Allen, born January 4, 1676 (Town Records).

⁷ William of John and Naomi Lowell, born January 3, 1676 (Town Records).

⁸ Later hand.

⁹ Probably 1676/77.

¹ Joseph of John and Martha Saffin, born Jan. 24, 1676 (Town Records).

² Not in Town Records.

³ Later hand.

⁴ Here end entries by Elder John Wiswell. He died in 1687, aged 86. Cf. Francis Jackson, *History of the Early Settlement of Newton* (Boston, 1854), p. 451.

[282] Mistress Usher wife to Mr Hezekiah had Letters of Recommendation granted by the silence of the brethren June 19, 1687.

Since 1676, 10th moneth when The Record fayled in Elder Wiswalls hand Children Baptised.

Capt. Elisha Hutchinson his children Baptized Elisha, Elizabeth, Hannah, Thomas Hutchinson, Jan. 22, 1676, Children of mr Elisha Hutchinson. Edward Hutchinson bapt. June 23, 1678.

Mehetabe Hutchinson bapt. Feb. 8, 1679.

Clarke Hutchinsons, July 8, 1683.

Samuell Hutchinson, Oct. 25, 1685.

all children of our brother mr Elisha Hutchinson.

John Clough His children baptised.

Susannah his daughter In anno. 1675.

Mercy In anno ——— 1683.

Abigail in 1687, 2d moneth.

John Odlin His son John bapt. May 28, 1678.

John his son baptized Nov. 20, 1681.

Sarah Tucker baptized Sept. 25, 1681. Thomas Allen Son to mr James Allen and his wife Sarah May 22, 1675. baptized.

Sarah Allen daughter of forementioned baptized Sept. 14, 1679, born the 13th. Joseph, Mary, Christian Fayreweather baptized Dec. 24, 1679, Wates. Dec. 11, 1681, James Dec. 8, 1683, John Dec. 3, 1685, children of our brother John Fayreweather.

Hannah Griggs bapt. Sept. 22, 1676, William June 1678, Hannah May 30, 1681, William July 1684, Samuell Sept. 26, 1686, Children of our Brother William Griggs [vid. Apr. 8, 1688].⁵

⁵ Later hand.

⁶ Born May 11, 1680 (Town Records).

⁷ i.e. Isaac. Cf. Town Records.

⁸ Born September 14, 1680 (Town Records).

⁹ Later hand. See entry on p. [283]. Palti was the wife of John Dorrell (Town Records).

Joseph and John Clough children of Lydia Clough baptized Feb. 13, 1686.

Mary Thwing bapt-
tized April, 1677.

Rachel, Feb. 6, 1681.

Benjamin, Oct. 8,
1682.

Sarah, Feb. 28, 1685.

Rebecca Gibson.

Mary Eldridge.

Jonathan son of Sam Jacklin, May 11, 1680.

Christian Stoddard daughter of Sampson, May.⁶

Jaack⁷ Hughes son of James, 1680.

Mary daughter of Jo Pecke, July 5, 1680.

John son of John Wayte, Aprill 2, 1680. Henry son of Henry Allin, July 8, 1680.

John son of Obadiah Sale, July 23, 1680.

Joseph Green son of Nathan, July 23, 1680.

Sarah daughter of Pen Townsend⁸ 1680.

Margarett daughter of [sister] Palti Dorrell [vid. infra].⁹

Rebecca daughter of Richard Knight.

Thomas son of Ambrose Dawes.

Daniel son of Daniel Fayrefield.

James Barnes, May, 1682. } children of John Barnes, Nov., 1683. } James

Joseph, Feb., 1685. } Barnes.

Elizabeth Dyer, the 6th day of the 5th moneth 1679.

John Skinner, the 19th day of the 8th moneth 1679.

Mary Emmons, the 2d day of 9th moneth 1679.

Benjamin Thorton.

James Howard 5 y. old, Abigail 2 yeers,

Martha Temple Feb. 15, 1676 baptised,
 Mary Oct. 7, 1679, Sarah January 1681,
 Elizabeth July 1684, Children of John
 Temple.
 Ellen Bridge baptised the 5th day of the
 6th moneth 1677, William the 31st day
 of the 6th moneth 1679, Abigail the
 20th day of the 8th moneth 1681, Persis
 the 1st day of the 2d moneth 1683,
 Benjamin Febr. 22, 1684, All children
 of our brother Samuell Bridge.

Elizabeth one moneth baptised In May
 1685.
 Sarah Moore in 1673
 Hannah 1675
 Hannah 1676
 John, Feb., 1678
 Thomas, Nov., 1679
 Sarah, Nov., 1680
 Katherine, Dec., 1681
 Rachel, Feb., 1682
 Francis, Nov., 1684
 Katherine, March, 1685
 Francis, Apr., 1687
 Elizabeth Dering, Jan.
 1679
 Mary Dering and
 Martha twins May 1682
 Henry, Oct. 1684
 Joseph Orchard, Aug. 1679.
 Vertue Orchard, Sept. 1681.

children of
 our brother
 John Moore.

[283] Baptized.

Margarett Dorrell
 born July 21, 1680,
 baptised 25th¹
 Ann born April 25,
 1684 baptised 29th
 John born Aug. 28,
 1685 baptised 29th

the children
 of our sister
 Dorrell.

John Squire, May 3, 1685.
 Margarett Squire, Aug. 16, 1685.
 Giffard Squire, Jan. 30, 1686/87.

Elizabeth Fisher born Oct. 1685, bap-
 tized Octob. 1686.

William Fisher born Jan. 25, 1680,
 baptised Feb. 4, 1680.

Thomas Fisher born Sept. 28, 1684 and
 baptised Octob. 5, Ditto.

Ebenezer Fisher born May 19, 1687,
 baptized 22d Ditto.

Baptized John Rugles March 16, 1675.

Samuel, Sept. 15, 1677.

Jeremiah, Nov. 14, 1685.

¹ See above, p. 360.

John Marion, Aug.
31, 1684.
John Marion, July 5,
1685.
Joseph, June 13, 1686.
John Marion, Sept.
4, 1687.
William Peck Jr.

Children of
Deacon John
Marion.²

[284] [Blank.]

Baptised 1688.

[285] Baptized.

June 18, 1687.

Baptised this day John the son of John Harrison and Mary the daughter of Samuell Mirian (*Marion*)³ being the one a yeer old the other 2 or 3 days that is the latter.

July 2, 1687.

Baptised Elizabeth Harris daughter to our sister Harris wife of Richard Harris, 2 dayes old.

July 17, 1687.

Baptised Hopestill Allin son of Henry Allin Deacon born 2 dayes before.

Dorothy Ashley daughter of brother Ashley born that week before.

John Arnold son of our sister Arnold.

George Davies son of our brother Davies baptiz July 24, 1687.

Hannah Temple daughter of John Temple baptised July 21, 1687, 3 days old.

And Judith Vee daughter of our sister Vee baptised on the same day, a yeere old.

Isaack Townsend son to mr Pen Townsend baptized and born that morning, Aug. 13, 1687.

Aug. 21, Joseph Ingram son of our Sister Ingram.

² Later note in the hand of Thomas Foxcroft.

³ Later hand.

Dec. 18, Mary Bridgham.

Jan. 1, Samuel Pecke.

Jan. 15, Susannah Parris.

Jan. 22, Samuel Flack.

Jan. 29, Richard Ricott.

Feb. 5, 1687, Margarett Gibson, Mary Diore.

April 1, 1688, Samuel Atwater.

April 8, 1688, William Griggs.

April 22, 1688, Priscillah Allin.

May 13, 1688 { Susannah
Philip
John
James
Samuel } Langdone.

May 20, Peirce Fitchlocke.

June 3, 1688, Mary Morter.

June 10, 1688 { Benjamin Twinge.
baptised Joseph Toute.
Joseph Giffards.

Anna Willis, June 17, 1688.

John Man, July 1, 1688.

Sarah Hughes, July 8, 1688.

John Twing, July 29.

Thomas Fox, Aug. 5.

Mary Clow, Sept. 23.

Joseph West, Ibid.

Hannah Matthews } Oct. 7.

Samuell Maxwell }
Hephzibah Williams } Nov. 4, 1688.

Lydia Clough

Abigaile Davises, Nov. 25.

Oct. 20, Abigail Hawkins.			
Oct. 27, Mary Giffords.			
Nov. 10 { Anne Townsend of Mr Pen Townsend.	Feb., 1690	{ Isabella 14 yr. old.	
Mary Harris of Brantry.		Daniel 9 y.	
Dec. 1 { Susannah Willis.		John 8 Legg children	
Ezekiel Clesby.		of our sister	
Dec. 15, Hannah Warner alias Mortar.		Deliverance Legg.	
Dec. 29 { Hannah Winsor.	Feb. 22	Sampson Duer 1 weeke	
Ebenezer Willis.		old.	
1690.		John More 3 w. old.	
Jan. 5 { Daniel Hincksman.		Peter Butler about 8 y.	
Sarah and		John Butler.	
John Courser.		Jane a Negro.	
Jan. 12 { Ebenezer Thornton.	March 8, 1690/91	Elizabeth Egerton	
Sarah Burgesse.	9 or 10 y. old.		
Jan. 26, Christian Holdenour.	March 15, Mary Burgesse.		
Feb. 9, Jerusha Grosse, Beriah Peirce,	1691.		
William Harrison, John, ⁷ David ⁸ and	April 5	Elizabeth Fransis.	
Elizabeth Yellings. The mother now		John } Mirick.	
Combs.		Joseph }	
Feb. 16, Charitie Fitchlocke daughter of	April 19	Bartholomew about 6 ⁹	
our sister Fitchlocke.		Sarah	
Feb. 23, Elizabeth Worden.		Susannah Cheevers.	
March 2, Anna Townsend.	April 26, Benjamin Willis.		
March 9, John Proctor.		William and	
March 16, Rebecka Ricott.	May 3	Mary Arnold.	
		Robert Williams.	
	May 31	Ebenezer Mumford.	
		Elizabeth Butler.	
		Mary Proctor.	

[287] July 26, 1691 Baptised.

Thomas Jackson, son of mr Jackson
our brother.

Aug. 2, Mercy Hawkins.

Aug. 23 { Peter Barnes.

Mary Reynolds.

Sept. 6, Elizabeth Ingram.

Sept. 13, John Wayte.

Sept. 27, Sarah Clough.

Oct. 18, Deborah Thare.

Oct. 3, 1692, Hannah Dyer, daughter
of Benjamin.

Oct. 10, Elizabeth Messenger not weeke
old.

and

Benjamin Samuell Pecke some yeeres old.

Oct. 23 { Priscilla
John } Gardiner.

Jeremiah }

Oct. 30, Samuel Thorne.

Nov. 6, Joanna Ward.

Nov. 27, Nathaniel Gardiner.

⁷ John of Roger and Elizabeth Yellings, born August 30, 1680 (Town Records).

⁸ David of Roger and Elizabeth Yellings, born August 12, 1682 (Town Records).

⁹ i.e. years. Born December 2, 1684 (Town Records).

Nov. 22 { David Gibson.
Rebecca¹ Prince.

Dec. 6, Hannah Bridge.

1691 December 20: Captain Boosone Allins Son Baptised Boosone and [Richard]² White's Son Baptised Samuell.³
Jan. 10, 1691/2, Mary Cheevers daughter of our sister Chevers the younger baptised.

Jan. 31, Judith Waldo child of our sister Waldo.

Febr. 28, 1691/2, Lydia Willis daughter of our brother Experience Willis.

March 20, 1691/2, Hannah the daughter of Mr Banister in Communion with us the child 2 dayes old.

1692.

March 27, 1692, Cornelius and Jonathan Twins the sons of our sister Pecke the younger now Waldo.

April 10, Abigail Moore daughter of our brother John Moore.

April 17, 1692 { Shubaell Dummer.
Mary Ashley.

June 4, Katharine, George grand child⁴ to Mr Lee, 8 dayes old.

June 19, 1692, James Berry 4 dayes old.

June 26, John Clow, an Infant.

Aug. 7, John Tu⁵ son she was daughter Leatherlands Rachel⁶ wife.

Aug. 21 { James Lloyde.
Joshua Gee.
Henry Gibbons.
Sept. 18, 1692 { Sarah Anger.
Thomas Coombes.
Christian Blake.

Dec. 4, 1692, Elizabeth Atkinson.
Dec. 11, Nathaniel Quelch.

1692/3.

Jan. 14, 1692/3, Joseph Cotta.
Jeremiah Green
Isabella Newgate
Sarah Dyer } Feb. 12, 1692/3.
Feb. 26, Sarah Manning: then also Admitted mother.

Apr. 23, 1693 { Job
Jeremiah } Ingram.

April 30, Hannah Ingram.

May 7, Mildred Willis.

May 21 { Nathaniel Jackson.
Mary Hawkins.
Joseph Howard.

June 4, John Kinge.

June 11, Katherine Fitchlocke.

July 2, Mary [blank] of Portsmouth.

Mary Cooke
July 23 { Elizabeth Bannister.
John and Elizabeth Draper.
Andrew Raglin.

Aug. 20 { Benjamin Smith.
Mary Warner.

Sept. 3, 1693 { Mehitable Prince.
Mehitabel Gibson.
Matthew, Sarah,
Naomy, Rebecca
Collins.

Sept. 17 { William Bridge.
Paul Langdon.
Elizabeth Windeline.

Sept. 24 { Abigale Hatherley a
mayd.⁷
John Bradford a child.

¹ Elizabeth struck out.

² Samuel, son of Richard and Mary White, born December 15, 1691 (Town Records).

³ Added by later hand.

⁴ i.e. grandchildren.

⁵ "Perhaps Mrs. Tu was a daughter of Mrs. Leatherland, or possibly Mrs. Leatherland had a daughter baptized the same day"—William S. Appleton in *Boston Record Commissioners Report*. (Boston, 1883), p. 205.

⁶ Struck through. But a Rachel of Zibron and Rachel Leatherland born July 30, 1692 (Town Records).

⁷ An Abigail of Thomas and Abigail Hatherly, born Sept. 8, 1670 (Town Records).

[288]	Oct. 8, 1693, John Davis	1694/5.
	Baptised.	
Oct. 22, 1693	{ David Copp. James Gouche.	Jan. 6, Hannah Negroes (<i>Negus</i>). ⁸
Nov. 12, Thomas Dyer.		Jan. 13 { John Tenney. Sarah Barrett.
Dec. 31, 1693, William Draper.		Jan. 20, William Rucke.
Jan. 21, { Thomas Savage. 1693/4 { Nathaniell Reynolds.		Jan. 27, Jane Pecke.
Jan. 28, Mary Gee.		Feb. 17 { Edward Tucker. Elizabeth Tucker.
Feb. 4, Elizabeth Nuby.		Feb. 24 { Christopher Clarke. Sarah Clarke. Sarah Ashley.
Feb. 25, 1693/4, Mary Butler.		March 3, Henry Messenger son of Thomas our brother.
March 4, Richard Harris.		March 10 { Elizabeth Jackson. Jonathan Cawley.
March 25, 1694, Anne Allin, Bosone Allins daughter.		March 24, John Daniel.
April 8, Abigaile Chevers.		1695.
April 29, Mary Moseley 17 years old.	{ Rebeckah Loyde. Ezekiel Russell.	April 7, 1695 { Abigail Duer. Joseph Dyer.
May 6		Abigaile Payne.
May 13, Mary Eustace.		April 14, 1695 { Elizabeth Greene. Temperance Willis.
June 17, Job Fisher.	{ David Langdane and Abigail. Joseph Benjamin	June 16, Richard White.
July 8	{ and John Cooke, Mary, Sarah, Thomas all baptised together.	June 23, Abi - - Eves. ⁹
July 15, Michael Willis.		July 28, William Pecke.
Aug. 26, Sarah Cary and Benjamin Thaxter.		Aug. 4, John Arnold.
Sept. 2, Elizabeth Ranger.		Aug. 11 { Alice Ingram. Sarah Cooke.
Sept. 9, Benjamin Quelch.		Sept. 8, 1695, Rachel Proctor.
Sept. 16, Rebeckah Stanton.		Sept. 15, Mary Twinge.
Sept. 23, Mercy Peirce.		Sept. 22, Mary Cony.
Oct. 7, John Collins.		Sept. 29, Thomas Hatherly Junior and Admitted.
Nov. 4, Joseph Marriner.		Oct. 6, Nathaniel Mariner.
Nov. 11, Sarah Miricke.		Oct. 13, Mary Draper.
Nov. 25, Mary Ward.		Oct. 20, Lydia Hatherly.
Dec. 2	{ John Banister. Rachell Pecke.	Oct. 27 { Nabia Savage. Joseph Russell.
Dec. 9, James Mattocks.		Nov. 10, Mary Combs.
Dec. 23	{ Priscilla Clow. William Thorne.	Dec. 1, Anne Allin.
		Dec. 22, Samuel Waldo.
		Dec. 29, Elizabeth Harris.
		Jan. 5, John Eustace.

⁸ Later hand.⁹ Anibal of Adam and Elizabeth Eve, born June 20, 1695 (Town Records). W. S. Appleton transcribed church records as Abiel Eves while Pulsifer left it blank. The last name is definitely *Eves* here but the first name is not decipherable beyond the third letter.

[289] 1695/6.

Jan. 12, Elizabeth Cary.
 Jan. 26, Francis Smith.
 Feb. 16, Elizabeth Simmonds.
 Feb. 23 { Thomas
Joshua
Caleb
Solomon } Windsor.
 March 22, William Holloway Junior.
 1696.
 April 5 { John Reynolds.
John Slacke.
John
Joseph } Kettle.
 April 12, Mary Allen 5 days old.
 May 10, 1696, William Daniels.
 { Hezekiah Butler.
Abigail Thorne.
Nathaniel
Rebeckah } Balston.
 (vid. *Admissions May 1696.*)¹
 June 21, Elizabeth Langdane.
 June 28 { William Welsteed.
Samuell Ward.
 July 12, Sarah Sherrer.
 Aug. 2, Gamaliel Gibson.
 Aug. 9, Daniel [blank].
 Aug. 16, Abigale Waldo.
 Aug. 23, Gatliffe Ranger.
 Aug. 30, Mary Mattocks.
 Sept. 20, Mercy Hawkins.
 1696 { John
William
Joseph } Endicott.

Oct. 18 { Ebenezer Mirecke 1 weeke.
Margarett Wright 15 y. old.
 Oct. 25, Elanor Pallow a negro and her
 3 Children, Richard, Robin, Eleanor.

Children Baptised.

Thomas	Davis	Nov. 15, 1696.		
John				
James	Barret	Margaret Dyer, Nov. 22, 1696.		
Thomas				
Elizabeth Clow, Nov. 29, 1696.				
Jan. 3	Hannah Collins weeke old. Samuell Richard Hannah Abraham	Bill.		
1696/7				
Jan. 10,	Ephraim Howard. Samuel John Thomas Ephraim Manasseh Ruth Joannah Sarah	Children of Samuel ² Marshall.		
1696/7				
Jan. 31,	John Parke and Anna Coney	by Mr Allen. Daughter of John and Mary Coney. ³		
1696/7				
Feb. 7,	Joseph Lowell. Elizabeth Delver. Henry Ingram. John and Remember	Elizabeth Delver. Henry Ingram. John Parker.		
1696/7				
Feb. 28,	Enoch Greenleaf Adult. Mary Gooch— Adult (and ad- mitted). ⁴ Mary William John Lydia	Thwing.		
1696/7.				
March 14,	Hannah Elizabeth	Green.		
1696/7.				

¹⁻⁴ Later hand.

March 21, { Isaiah Verry.
1696/7. { Rachel Windsor.
March { Mary } Veach.
28, 1697 { Susannah }
April 4, 1697, Abigail Temple.

[290] Children Baptised.

Ebenezer Willis	and Mary Goldsmith	April 11, 1697.	Ann Daughter of Thomas Messenger, May 8, 1698.
			Mary Daughter of Brother Jackson, May 29, 1698.
Joanna Willis	Mary Parker	May 2, 1697.	Mehitabell Lyon, June 19, 1698.
Mary Balston, May 9, 1697.			Ruth Cook, July 3, 1698.
Edmund Neagers, May 30, 1697.	Jonathan Waldo Ebenezer Messenger	June 6, 1697.	Theodor Atkinson, July 10, 1698.
Edward the son of Ezekiel Clesbie, June 13, 1697.			Joshua Moody, July 17, 1698.
William Marriner, Aug. 1, 1697.	Sarah Ashley Anna Dewer	Aug. 22, 1697.	John, son of Abigail Hodsdon member of the church at Berwick, July 24, 1698.
Mary Green, Aug. 8, 1697 daughter of N. G. Junior. ⁵			Catharine, Daughter of Mary More- house a Member of the Church in Fair- field, Aug. 7, 1698.
Samuel Copp	David Cunningham Samuel Green	Sept. 19, 1697.	Elizabeth Lowell, Nov. 13, 1698.
Hannah Savage, Sept. 26, 1697.			John son of Benja- min Dyer
John Coomes, Oct. 10, 1697.	David son of David Copp, Oct. 24, 1697.	Decm. 26, 1697.	James Chevers
Margarett Robberts, Nov. 21, 1697.			Marcy Daughter of William Hallowel
Mary Wells, Nov. 28, 1697.	James Allen Son of Jeremiah and Mary Allen. ⁶	Jan. 16, 1697/8.	Nathaniel son of Nathaniel Green
Edmund Ranger, Dec. 12, 1697.			Joanna daughter of Joanna Lathrop
Thomas Bradford	Chuzziah Draper Mehitabell Conney Daughter of John and Mary Coney. ⁷	Decm. 26, 1697.	Prescilla Marriner, Dec. 11, 1698.
Chuzziah Draper			Elizabeth Endicott, Jan. 1, 1698/9.
Benjamin Indicot			Samuel Baylie, Jan. 8, 1698/9.
			Hannah Daughter of Ellanor ⁸ Pollow a Negro, Jan. 15, 1698/9.
			Alford, son of Peter Butler
			Sarah Daughter of John Parker
			James Cunningham
			Nicholas son of Mary Phillips
			Anna daughter of Mary Webster

⁵ Mary of Nathaniel and Elizabeth Green, born Aug. 8, 1697 (Town Records).

⁶ ⁷ Later hand.

⁸ Original entry read *Cornelia*. Struck out and *Ellanor* substituted by a later hand.

Susannah Thaxter, Feb. 6, 1697/8.	Abigail daughter of James Hawkins, Feb. 26, 1698/9.
John Thorn, Feb. 20, 1697/8.	Amos Wadlin
Benjamin Pool, March 6, 1697/8.	Mary Barret } March 5, 1699.
Mary the Daughter of Samuel Bridge } March 13, 1697/8.	Jonathan son of Jonathan Everard } March 26, 1699.
Andrew Veach } Benjamin Russel } Elizabeth Gouch } March 20, 1697/8.	Martha daughter of John Twing } Thomas Ingram } Elizabeth Eustice } Timothy Myrick }
Hannah Sherrerd } Sarah Davis } Rachel Smith } March 27, 1698.	The same time were Baptised Samuel, Mary, Sarah, Anna, the children of James and Mary Ferres.
James son of John and Elizabeth ⁹ Allen, April 17, 1698.	Katharine daughter of William Welsted }
Jonathan son of Jonathan Williams, May 1, 1698.	Robert son of Thomas Windsor } April 23, 1699.
	Ebenezer Delver }
	Thomas son of Samson Dure, June 4, 1699.
	Jeremiah son of John and Elizabeth Allen, June 11, 1699.
	Ebenezer Reynolds, June 25, 1699.
	Mary Waldo, Aug. 6, 1699.
	John son of John and Elizabeth Ranger baptized Aug. 20, 1699.
	John son of Giles and Margaret Roberts, Aug. 27, 1699.

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Robert son of Moses and Elizabeth Bradford, Sept. 3, 1699.
 Benjamin son of Thomas Savage the Goldsmith, Oct. 8, 1699.
 John son of James Gooch, Oct. 29, 1699.
 Joseph Hill, a Varnisher's son, Nov. 5, 1699.
 Mary Conney *Daughter of John and Mary Coney*,¹ Nov. 12, 1699.
 Mary Ward, a Cooper's Daughter, Nov. 26, 1699.

Mary daughter of Obadiah and Judah Emmons, Sept. 7, 1700.
 John son of John Usher, baptised at his Father's house in Mystic, on Tuesday, Sept. 10, 1700, three Brethren of our church, with several other christians were present; [past by; by the Church].²
 Lydia daughter of William Endicott, Sept. 15, 1700.
 Sarah Cunningham, a Glasier's Daughter was bapt. Sept. 22, 1700, the same day Abigail Ganners, her Father belonging to the North ch.

⁹ Later hand.

¹ A silversmith's daughter has been struck out and *Daughter of John and Mary Coney* substituted by a later hand.

² Brackets added later. Usher had returned from New Hampshire and was living in Mystic (*i.e.* Medford).

James Thorn, a Carpenter's son	Dec. 31, 1699.	Joseph son of Samuel and Ruth Marshal	Oct. 6, 1700.
Thankfull daughter of Joseph and Thankfull Hubbard		Abigail Lowden	
Jonathan son of Jonathan and Mary Williams was baptized Jan. 14, 1699/1700.	Jan. 28, 1699/1700.	Sarah daughter of Andrew Vetch, Taylor, Oct. 27, 1700.	Nov. 3, 1700.
John son of John Cary		Samuel son of Samuel and Hannah Copp	
Hannah Chevers	March 3, 1699/1700.	James son of John Parker	Nov. 17, 1700.
Hannah daughter of John and Mary Wells, Feb. 4, 1699/1700.		Samuel and John Negus, twins	
Mathew Waters, a Negro child, Feb. 11, 1699/1700.	March 10, 1699/1700.	John Eustice, a Carpenters Son	Nov. 24, 1700.
Joseph son of Sarah Eleot		Elizabeth Barns, daughter of Lydia	
Thomas son of David Cop Junior	March 3, 1699/1700.	Joseph son of James Gooch	Jan. 5, 1701.
Anna and Lydia	Thomas Barnes, and Lydia	Thomas son of Margarett Shaw	
Daughters of dead ³	March 10, 1699/1700.	Benjamin son of Benjamin Dyer, Dec. 1, 1700.	
Anna daughter of Jeremiah and Mary Allen baptised March 24, 1699/1700, since dead. ⁴		Susannah daughter of Susannah Jackson, Dec. 8, 1700.	
George the son and Elizabeth, the daughter of	Robert and Hannah	Samuel son of Samuel Barret, Dec. 22, 1700.	
the son of Nathaniel and Joanna Kettle, dead. ⁵	March 31, 1700.	John Nudigate	Dec. 29, 1700.
John son of John Wharton Merchant		Anna Pool	
Sarah daughter of John Marshal merchant and Sarah his wife	April 7, 1700.	Benjamin Hill a Varnisher's Son	Feb. 2, 1700/1.
Joshua son of Alexander Sherrerd		Abigail Conney	
Anna Mattux daughter of Samuel and Anna		Daughter of John and Mary Coney ⁶	
		James Thwing a shipwriter's son, Jan. 19, 1700/1.	
		Elizabeth daughter of John Ranger	
		William Pollow a Negro child	
		1700 1701.	
		Feb. 16, Abigail Green of Nathaniel Green Junior and Cornelius Waldo.	

^{3 4 5} Later entries.⁶ *Silversmith's daughter* struck out and the above substituted by later hand.

John son of Ruhahah Hill our sister, May 5, 1700.

Benjamin son of Sarah Eleot *dead*,⁷ May 26, 1700.

Flugilla⁸ or Fridilla, a Negro girle about 10 years old, daughter of Jane Waters a member of the church, June 2, 1700.

Elizabeth daughter of Mr Edward the Upholsterer was bapt. June 23, 1700.

Bethiah daughter of Samuel Bridge Carpenter, was baptised, July 7, 1700.

Elizabeth daughter of Samuel Marrion, July 14, 1700.

John Cook, July 28, 1700.

Elizabeth daughter of Joseph and Patience Lowel, Aug. 11, 1700.

Francis Collings, *dead*,⁹ Aug. 18, 1700.

Joanna Draper, a currier's daughter, Sept. 1, 1700.

Feb. 23, Lydia Ames about 8 yeer old and Ebenezer Welsted a weeke old.

March 2, Mary Windsor daughter of Thomas Windsor.

April 13, Hannah the daughter of Mistress Hannah our sister.

April 20, 1701, Joseph Bridgham the son of our Deacon 4 days old.

April 27, 1701, Hannah Kettle.

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May 18 { Joannah Mirion the
Taylor's daughter.
Philip Renolds.

Ebenezer son of Ebenezer and Elizabeth Lowl. baptizd, June 8, 1701.

Mary daughter of Mary Webster, July 6, 1701.

Samuel son of Samuel Baylie, Sale-maker, July 27, 1701.

Children of { Thomas } Jimpson,
Thomas and { Hannah } Aug. 10,
Hannah { Richard } 1701.
Jepson { Emm }

Aug. 24, 1701, John Marshall the Magistrate's Son.

Mary daughter of Matthew Delver, Sept. 7, 1701.

Sept. 28, Elizabeth Bradford.

Mary daughter of John Wharton, Oct. 12, 1701.

August 3d Chosen that day Deacon Joseph Bridgeham 65 hand and Deacon Cob 56 for Ruling Elders.

On Sept. 18, 1701 being a publick and general fast, Mr Joseph Bridgham and mr David Copp, were ordained to be ruling Elders, mr Allen laid his hand on them, gave them their charge and prayed over them, being theire teaching officer. (*The last clause is in Mr Allens Hand; all the rest is in Mr Wadsworth's.*)¹

Sept. 14, 1701 Mr Toy accepted the Call of the church to bee a Deacon and did take his place.

Nov. 9, 1701 mr Isaiah Toy was ordained to bee a Deacon; mr Allen; and mr Wodsworth Laid there hands on him; mr Allen praying ouer him and giveing him his charge.

After about 11 years Continuance in

⁷ Later entry.

⁸ Or *Flagilla*.

⁹ Later entry.

¹ Entered by Foxcroft.

Lydia daughter of Giles Roberts, Oct. 12, 1701.

Jane daughter of Jane Basteen Negro, Nov. 2, 1701.

Lydia daughter of Deborah King, Nov. 16, 1701.

Hareson son of Susannah Gray, Nov. 30, 1701.

Joseph son of Abigaile Thorn, Dec. 14, 1701.

Elizabeth daughter of John Hughes, Dec. 21, 1701.

Patience daughter of David Cop junior, Dec. 28, 1701.

Winsor son of Sarah Shearroll, Jan. 4, 1701/2.

Martha daughter of Martha Langdon, Feb. 1, 1701/2.

Mercy daughter of Sarah Eliot, Feb. 15, 1701/2.

James negro son of Jane Waters, Feb. 22, 1701/2.

Rebecka } Daughters of Sister Ol-
Elizabeth } cocke, March 15, 1701/2.

Mary daughter of Thomas Sauage, March 22, 1701/2.

John son of Sister Cunningham, March 29, 1702.

Benjamin son of Sister Endicot } Ruth daughter of Sister Emmons } April 12, 1702.

Ebenezer son of Elanor Pallow Negro, May 4, 1702.

Joseph son of Rebeckah Goldsmith, May 17, 1702.

Thomas son of Thomas Barns, May 24, 1702.

John son of Hannah Lowre, June 7, 1702.

the Office, Deacon Tay² left his seat and refused to officiate, upon some Dissatisfaction about Church Discipline and about building the new Meeting house; and at last in 1721 he was at his Desire Dismissed to Mr Coleman's Church in Boston.³

Nov. 7, 1717. Died Deacon Thomas Hubbart.

Jan. 3, 1727/8. Died Deacon John Marion, in the 76th year of his age, (*bapt. Feb. 1651/2⁴*) and 32d of his Deaconship; being ordained Sept. 6, 1696.

Feb. 7, 1735/6. Died Deacon Zech. Thayer of an Apoplectick Fit, after some Months Indisposition, and increasing Weakness and Decay In the 53d year of his Age.

March 27, 1737. Died Deacon Jonathan Williams in the 63d year of his Age.

Feb. 10, 1742/3. Died Deacon Samuel Marshal *Ætat.* 91 as I compute it; though he called it 95⁵ (He owned himself $\frac{1}{2}$ a year younger than Deacon Marion etc.)

April 10, 1745. Died Deacon Cornelius Thayer in the 60th year of his Age after long Languishment though generally able to be abroad, till within a few Weeks before his End.

² Here *Tay*. Cf. *Toy* above. Brattle Square Church Records *i.e.* Mr. Coleman's Church, have *Tay*.

³ June 4, 1721 admitted to Brattle Square Church. On Dec. 24, 1719 he had been married by Mr. Coleman (Brattle Square Church Records).

⁴ Later hand.

⁵ Birth not recorded. But John, Joseph, Samuel, Sarah and Hannah Marshall, the children of Sarah and John Marshall were baptized on the same day (12th day 6th month, 1655). (See p. 329.)

[293] Children Baptized.

William Barret son of Samuell Barret, June 21, 1702.

Jeremiah son of Jeremiah Allen, June 28, 1702.

Mary daughter of John Cary, July 5, 1702.

Hannah daughter of Sister Cheuer wife of Richard Cheuer, July 5, 1702.

Hannah daughter of Hannah Cop, July 12, 1702.

Sarah daughter of John Ingram, July 26, 1702.

Ellen daughter of Samuell Bridge, Aug. 9, 1702.

Thomas son of Joseph Hubbard, Aug. 9, 1702.

Priscilla daughter of Thomas Jacson, Aug. 30, 1702.

September.

Elizabeth daughter of John Allen, Sept. 6, 1702.

Susannah daughter of Nath. Green, Sept. 6, 1702.

Joseph son of Joseph Lowden, Sept. 20, 1702.

Seth son of Lidia Culliuer, Sept. 27, 1702.

Joseph son of Benjamine Dyer, Sept. 27, 1702.

Elizabeth daughter of Joseph Bridgham, Oct. 4, 1702.

Ruth daughter of Luse Bush Negro, Nov. 8, 1702.

Elliner daughter of Mary Cooke, Nov. 29, 1702.

Rebecka daughter of Rachell Winser, Dec. 12, 1702.

Hannah daughter of Jonathan Woldo, Jan. 24, 1702.

Ann East Baptised when grone into years; by virtue of her mothers Couenant, Jan. 24, 1702.

Sarah daughter of John Wharton, Jan. 31, 1702/3.

Hannah daughter of Hannah Hanna, Jan. 31, 1702.

John son of John Wells Jan. 31, 1702/3.

Mary daughter of Nathan Kettle, Feb. 7, 1702/3.

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[295] John son of Johnathan Euerret, Feb. 14, 1702/3.

Susanna daughter of Susanna Swaine, Feb. 14, 1702/3.

Samuell son of Sarah Marshall, Feb. 21, 1702/3.

Mercy daughter of Susannah Jackson, Feb. 27, 1702/3.

Mehitabell daughter of our sister Conney, Feb. 27, 1702/3.

Joseph son of John Ranger, March 14, 1702/3.

Abigail daughter of Patience Lowell, March 21, 1702/3.

Edward son of Susannah Gray, March 28, 1703.

James son of Thomas Barns, April 18, 1703.

Edward son of Samuel Barret, May 23, 1703.

Verren son of John Parker, May 30, 1703.

Joseph son of Mary Pulsifer, June 6, 1703.

Mary daughter of Jonathan Williams, June 13, 1703.

Lidia daughter of Sister Indecot, June 20, 1703.

Mercy daughter of Mercy Toy, July 11, 1703.

Nathā⁶ son of John Twing, Aug. 22, 1703.

John son of Sarah Ellis, Aug. 29, 1703.

⁶ Nathanael in Town Records (Born Aug. 17, 1703).

Thomas son of Sarah Shearrer, March 28, 1703.
 Abigaile daughter of James Williams, April 4, 1703.
 Sarah daughter of Sarah Nicolson, April 4, 1703.
 John son of Samuell Meryon, April 11, 1703.

John son of Jane Basteen Negrow, Aug. 29, 1703.
 David son of Abigaill Cuttler Oct. 4, 1703.

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[297] Elisha son of Elisha Cooke Junior, Nov. 8, 1703.
 James son of Samuell Mattockes, Nov. 8, 1703.
 Coners son of Naomi Eames, Nov. 8, 1703.
 Joseph son of Joseph Lowden, Jan. 9, 1703/4.
 Hanah daughter of Samuell Baly, Jan. 9, 1703/4.
 Sarah daughter of Giles Robarts, Jan. 24, 1703/4.
 Samuell son of David Copp junior, March 12, 1703/4.
 John Hughes son of John Hughes, March 12, 1703/4.
 John son of Ebenezer Lowell, March 19, 1703/4.
 Jeremiah son of Nath. Green, March 26, 1704.
 John son of Ellinore Pollo, Negro, April 9, 1704.

Thomas son of Thomas Godfre, April 16, 1704.
 Mary daughter of Hanah Hanah, June 25, 1704.
 Lidia daughter of William Indecut, July 9, 1704.
 Jane daughter of Roger Lawson, July 16, 1704.
 Elizabeth daughter of Samuell Barret, July 16, 1704.
 John son of Joanna Lathrop, July 23, 1704.
 John son of John Inggram, July 30, 1704.
 Joseph son of Patience Lowell, Aug. 6, 1704.
 Edward son of Jonathan Woldo, Aug. 26, 1704.
 Ruth daughter of Ruth Renolls, Sept. 3, 1704.
 Elizabeth daughter of Jonathan Loring, Sept. 17, 1704.
 Elizabeth daughter of Sarah Niccolson, Sept. 24, 1704.
 Deliverance daughter of Sarah Corser, Oct. 22, 1704.

[298] [Blank.]

[299] Ephraim son of Samuell Copp, Oct. 29, 1704.
 Mary daughter of Sister Lowre, Nov. 5, 1704.
 Mercy daughter of Joseph Bridgham, Nov. 12, 1704.
 Mary daughter of Benjamine Dyer, Nov. 19, 1704.

Thomas son of John Parker, May 13, 1705.
 Joseph son of Moses Bradford, May 20, 1705.
 The Children } Nicolas }
 of Sarah } William } June 3, 1705.
 Winkly } Elizabeth }
 Rachell daughter of John Twing, July 8, 1705.

Edward son of Robert Lumbley, Dec.	Joseph son of Samuell Meryon, July 22,
17, 1704.	1705.
Lidia daughter of John Wharton, Jan.	Gorge son of Peter Thomas, July 22,
14, 1704.	1705.
John son of John Brown, Feb. 4, 1704.	Midlecot son of Elisha Cooke, Aug. 20,
Ebenezer son of John Ranger, Feb. 11,	1705.
1704/5.	Sarah daughter of William Indecut,
Sarah daughter of <i>Reverend⁷</i> Mr Thomas Bridge, March 4, 1704/5.	Aug. 26, 1705.
Samuell son of Samuell Parker, March	James son of James Williams, Aug. 26,
11, 1704/5.	1705.
Ann daughter of Susannah Gray, March	Martha daughter of Joseph Hubburd,
18, 1704/5.	Sept. 2, 1705.
Margaret daughter of Giles Robarts,	Joseph son of Thomas Barnes, Sept. 23,
April 1, 1705.	1705.
Johnathan son of Abigaill Cutler	Elizabeth daughter of Susannah Jackson, Oct. 21, 1705.
Sarah daughter of Dauid Landon	Robart son of Robart Lumbley, Nov. 5,
	1705.

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[301] Peter son of Penelope Eueret,	The Children of Samuel and Abigail Torrey	Abigail Deborah Samuell Persis	March 10, 1705/6.
Nov. 12, 1705.			
Abigall ⁸ daughter of Lidia Kingsle			
James son of Lidia Adams	Nov. 19, 1705.		
Joseph son of Elizabeth Willis, Dec. 2,			
1705.			
William } sons of Elizabeth Godard,			
Giles } Dec. 9, 1705.			
Noise son of Thomas Godfre, Dec. 16,			
1705.			
Daniell son of Elizebeth Godard, Dec.			
30, 1705.			
James son of Nath. Kitle, Jan. 13, 1705.			
James son of Thomas Hunt, Jan. 26,			
1705/6.			
Samuell son of Joseph Proute, Feb. 2,			
1705/6.			
Ebenezer of Henry Hill, Feb. 17,			
1705/6.			

⁷ Later hand.

⁸ *Lidia* struck through.

⁹ Later entry (Foxcroft).

John son of Joseph Bridgham, Feb. 24, 1705/6.	Gorge son of Samuell Barret, June 16, 1706.
Jane daughter of John Roberts, Feb. 24, 1705/6.	Hanah daughter of Hannah Lobdell, June 23, 1706.
Mary daughter of Jonathan Waldo, March 3, 1705/6.	Mary daughter of Mary Millen } Samuell Parcker } Mary daughter of Zechary Thayer } Hanah daughter of John Hughes, July 21, 1706.

[302] Bethya daughter of Mahitibell Rugels, July 21, 1706.	Sarah daughter of John Ranger, Jan. 26, 1706.
William son of William Lee, July 28, 1706.	James son of John Allen, March 2, 1706/7.
Joshua son of Sarah Shearer, July 28, 1706.	Lidia daughter of Thomas Barns, March 2, 1706/7.
Mary and } daughters of Timethy Elizebeth } Lindall, Aug. 4, 1706.	Mary daughter of Sister Lowre, March 9, 1706/7.
Henry son of Elizebeth Allen, Aug. 4, 1706.	Patience daughter of Patience Lowell, March 9, 1706/7.
William son of Elinore Pollo Negrow, Aug. 4, 1706.	Aron son of Moses Ingram, March 23, 1706/7.
Elizebeth daughter of Peter Thomas, Sept. 22, 1706.	William son of David Copp junior, March 30, 1707.
Elizebeth daughter of John Fisher, Oct. 6, 1706.	Elisha son of Benjamin Dyer } Ebenezer son of Ebenezer Lowell } Mary daughter of Robert Lumbly } John son of Elizebeth Godard } James son of Nath. Kittle } Lidia daughter of Abigail Cutler } Benjamin son of John Ingram, April 20, 1707.
Lidia daughter of William Indicut } Naomi daughter of Ruth Renolls } Nov. 10, 1706.	April 6, 1707.
Hanah daughter of Robart Derbe, Nov. 17, 1706.	Elizebeth daughter of Johnathan Loring, April 27, 1707.
Elizebeth daughter of Jeremiah Allen, Dec. 8, 1706.	
Mary daughter of Hanah Ellethrop: member of the Church of Rowle, Dec. 8, 1706.	
Elizebeth daughter of James Williams, Jan. 12, 1706.	
Perses daughter of Edward Gray, Jan. 12, 1706.	
Joseph son of Nath. Green, Jan. 26, 1706.	

[303] Lidia daughter of Samuell Barret, June 2, 1707.	John son of Samuell Torry	Nov. 2, 1707.
John son of John Shaw, June 8, 1707.	Jeremiah son of Jeremiah Rugells	
John son of John Parcor, July 5, 1707.	Mary daughter of Richard Brookes	
Samuell son of Samuell Bridgham, July 12, 1707.	John son of William Lee, Nov. 9, 1707.	
Sarah daughter of Sarah Corssor, July 27, 1707.	Peter son of Peter Thomas, Nov. 16, 1707.	
Jane daughter of Timothy Lindoll, Aug. 24, 1707.	Johnathan son of Samuell Adams, Nov. 23, 1707.	
James son of Moses Bradford, Sept. 28, 1707.	Joseph son of Elizebeth Allen	Dec. 7, 1707.
Samuell son of Samuell Belknap, Sept. 28, 1707.	Abigail daughter of Susanah Jacson	
Joseph son of Joseph Proute	Hepseba daughter of James Williams, Jan. 4, 1707.	
Sarah daughter of John Godfree	Martha daughter of Joseph Hubard	Jan. 18, 1707.
Sarah daughter of John Brown, Oct. 12, 1707.	Mary daughter of Zechary Thayer	
Anna daughter of Our Pastor Bridge, Oct. 19, 1707.	Elizebeth daughter of Elisha Cooke junior	
Mercy daughter of Joseph Bridgham, Oct. 26, 1707.	John son of John Fisher	Feb. 8, 1707/8.
	Benjamin son of Willam Indicut, Feb. 22, 1707/8.	

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Prudence daughter of John Ranger	Benjamin son of John Dolebear, Dec. 5, 1708.
Lidia daughter of Cornelius Thayer	Sarah daughter of Benjamin Dyer
Joseph son of Nathaniell Kitle, March 21, 1707/8.	Susanah daughter of Edward Gray
Samuell son of Elizebeth Willis, April 15, 1708.	John son of Samuel Copp, Feb. 6, 1708/9.
Anna daughter of Johnath Waldo, April 18, 1708.	Sarah daughter of John Ingraham was baptised Feb. 20, 1708/9.
John son of Samuell Barret, June 27, 1708.	
James son of Samuell Parcker, July 16, 1708.	

Ruth daughter of Nath. Green, Aug. 8, 1708.	Abigail and Elizabeth (one about 12 years and the other about 8 years of age) daughters of Thomas Mor-	Feb. 27, 1708/9.
Joseph } sons of Patience Lowell, Benjamin } Aug. 8, 1708.	simy a Negro, were baptized, their mother being a member of this church.	
Jane daughter of Jane Basteen Negro, Aug. 15, 1708.	Mosely son of Jonathan Williams	
Grace daughter of Grace Jackson, Aug. 29, 1708.	March 20, 1708/9.	
Johnathan son of Jonathan Loring	James son of Nathanael Kittle	March 27, 1709.
John son of John Durrell	Jonathan son of David Cuttler	
Mary daughter of Samuell Bridgham, Nov. 21, 1708.	Sarah daughter of John Thwing	
	Elizabeth daughter of Jeremiah Allen	
	April 3, 1709.	
	Mary, Martha daughters of Lackey, May 15, 1709.	
	Hannah daughter of Jonathan Wharton	May 22, 1709.
	Samuel son of John Shaw	
	Joseph Lathrop son of Joannah the wife of [John] ¹ Lathrop, May 29, 1709.	

[305] Samuel son of Richard Brooks, July 3, 1709.

Mercy daughter of William Lee, July 17, 1709.

Robert son of James Williams, July 23, 1709.

William son of Spencer and Elizabeth Phipps

Jonathan son of David Copp junior

Pool son of Timothy Lyndall, Aug. 14, 1709.

Thomas son of Robert Dorby, Nov. 27, 1709.

Michael son of Ebenezer Lowell, Dec. 25, 1709.

William son of John Brown, Jan. 8, 1709/10.

Joseph Hubbard son of Joseph Hubbard

Thomas son of John Dorrel

Edmund son of Edmund Ranger, Feb. 12, 1709/10.

¹ Joseph, son of John Lothrop and Joanna, his wife, born May 28, 1709 (Town Records).

Josiah son of Jonathan Walldo	Aug. 21, 1709.	Thomas son of Thomas and Grace Jackson, Feb. 19, 1709/10.
Mercy daughter of Samuel Barret		John son of Priscilla Lovel, April 2, 1710.
Benjamin son of Joseph Prout, Sept. 25, 1709.		Michael son of Boston de Morat, Negro, April 9, 1710.
Samuel son of [Blank] ² Adams	Oct. 9, 1709.	Mercy daughter of Mercy Atkins, April 16, 1710.
Hannah daughter of John Jackson		Sarah daughter of Elisha Cooke junior, April 23, 1710.
John son of John Courser		Elizabeth Wood admitted and Baptised April 30, 1710.
Nathaniel son of Nathaniel Ellithorp	Oct. 30, 1709.	John son of Samuel Bellknap, May 21, 1710.
Thomas son of Thomas and Elizabeth Bridge borne October 31 about six clock in the morning was Baptized Nov. 6, 1709.		Mary daughter of John Dolebear, May 28, 1710.

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Samuel	Children of Elizabeth Wood,	Bethia daughter of Edward Grey, Elizabeth daughter of [John and] ⁴ Elizabeth Welland, Sept. 3, 1710.
Ebenezer		Samuel son of Samuel Bridgham, Sept. 10, 1710.
Lydia	June 4, 1710.	Jonathan son of Jonathan Loring, Sept. 24, 1710.
Elias son of Peter Thomas.		Susanna Daughter of Henry Howell, Oct. 1, 1710.
John son of John Lothrop	June 25, 1710.	Mary Daughter of Timothy Lindall, Oct. 8, 1710.
Joseph son of Joseph and Mary Pulcifer		John Orn son of John and Elizabeth Orn, Oct. 29, 1710.
Christophers son of Deborah Thorne, July 9, 1710.		Josiah son of Samuel and Abigail Torrey, Nov. 12, 1710.
Nathaniel son of Cornelius Thare	July 23, 1710.	Mary daughter of Robert and Mary Rand, Nov. 19, 1710.
Mercy daughter of John Rowlstone		James son of James Penniman, Jane daughter of [John] ⁵ Lowery, Jan. 14, 1710/11.
John son of [James] ³ and Mary Gibson		
Samuel son of Nathaniel Kittle	Aug. 6, 1710.	

² Not in Town Records.

³ John, son of James Gibson and Mary, his wife, born Aug. 3, 1710 (Town Records).

⁴ Elizabeth, daughter of John Welland and Elizabeth, his wife, born Aug. 27, 1710 (Town Records).

⁵ Jane, daughter of John Lorey and Mary, his wife, born Jan. 9, 1710 (Town Records).

Jeremiah son of Jeremiah Allen, Aug. 13, 1710.

Thomas son of Samuel Willis, Ann daughter of Thomas Pecker, Aug. 20, 1710.

Samuel and Hannah son and daughter of Samuel and Hannah Goff, Aug. 27, 1710.

Abigail daughter of James Buttler, Abigail daughter of Ebenezer Rand, Jan. 28, 1710/11.

Mary daughter of John Shaw, Feb. 18, 1710/11.

Zachariah son of Zachariah Thare, Feb. 25, 1710/11.

[307] Nicholas, Mary, Abigail Children of Nicholas and Mary Buttolph, Feb. 25, 1710/11.

Hannah daughter of Richard Brooks, March 18, 1710/11.

Henry son of William Wellsted, April 8, 1711.

Thomas and Howard sons of Thomas Philips, April 23, 1711.

Elizabeth Cravath and her children Ezekiel, William, Samuel, Clutterbuck and John, April 29, 1711.

Mary Weymouths Children Daniel, and Abigail, April 29, 1711.

Abigail daughter of Jacob and Abigail Gale, May 6, 1711. Their first child after 16 years and halfe marriage.

Mary daughter of John Buttolph, May 20, 1711.

Ebenezer son of Jonathan Williams, Elizabeth Burges and her daughter Elizabeth, Sarah daughter of Samuel Goff, May 27, 1711.

Eliakim son of William Hutchinson, Mary daughter of Edward Goddard, June 10, 1711.

Susannah daughter of John Allen, July 1, 1711.

John, Mary and David, children of David and Hannah Coleson, July 15, 1711.

Benjamin son of John Dolbier, Stephen son of Stephen Kingsly, July 29, 1711. William son of John Wharton, Sept. 2, 1711.

Abiel son of Mary Pulcifer, Sept. 16, 1711.

Elizabeth daughter of John and Elizabeth Orn, Sept. 23, 1711.

Abigail daughter of Jonathan Waldo, Sept. 23, 1711.

Memorandum. The Meeting house being burnt down on the second of October 1711. The church and Congregation were dispersed, during which dispersion some of the children of this church were baptised some att Mr Pembertons meeting house⁶ some att Mr Colmans.⁷

⁶ The baptismal records of the Third Church have no entries after Feb. 24, 1706 until May 8, 1715.

⁷ [The following persons were baptized in Mr. Colman's Church (Brattle Square). With the exception of Dorcas Collins, Thomas Palmer and Elizabeth Bill the entries are followed by O. C. i.e. Old Church. Those marked with asterisk do not appear on First Church Records.

*Dorcas Collins, an adult, Oct. 7, 1711.

*Josiah of Dorcas Collins, aged 1 wk., Oct. 21, 1711.

*Thomas of Thomas Palmer Esq., Dec. 9, 1711, by Mr. Wadsworth.

*Isaac Jackson of Grace Jackson, Dec. 9, 1711, by Mr. Wadsworth.

William of Martha Lackie, aged 1 wk., Jan. 13, 1712.

[Mary]⁸ Corser Att Mr Pembertons,
Oct. 7, 1711.

Henry son of Henry Howell Att Mr
Pembertons, Oct. 14, 1711.

Mary daughter of Joseph Mason and
Charles son of Sarah Bill Att Mr Pem-
bertons, Oct. 28, 1711.

[308] Josiah son of Samuel Adams, Nov. 4 by Mr Pemberton, 1711.	Att Mr Pembertons John son of John Rowlstone junior, Aug. 24, 1712.
At Mr Coleman's William Lackey	Att Mr Colmans William son of Mar- garet Peat, Aug. 31, 1712.
At Mr Pemberton's John Welland and Palti a child of John Browne's	Att Mr Pembertons Catharina daughter of William Hutchinson.
At Mr Coleman's Martha daughter of Robert Darby, Jan. 20, 1711/12.	Att Mr Colmans Nathaniel and Edward sons of Nathaniel Clarke, Sept. 7, 1712.
	Att Mr Pembertons William son of

Martha of Robert Darby, Jan. 20, 1712.
Samuel of Samuel Maxwell, March 2,
1712.

Jane of Elisha Cook, Jr., March 9, 1712.
Experience of John Ranger, March 16,
1712.

Isaiah of Samuel Barret, April 6, 1712,
by Mr. Wadsworth. Died Aug. 14,
1713.

Joseph of Joseph Savel, April 13, 1712,
by Mr. Bridge.

Abigail of Mercy Atkins, June 8, 1712,
by Mr. Bridge.

Sarah of Mr. Dolbier, July 27, 1712.

*Rebecca of Jonathan Williams, Aug.
10, 1712.

[William]¹ Peak of Elizabeth² Peak,
Aug. 31, 1712, by Mr. Bridge.

Nathanael and Edward, twins, of Eliza-
beth Clark, Sept. 7, 1712.

*Elizabeth of Sarah Bill, Sept. 14, 1712,
by Mr. Wadsworth.

*Mary of Rebecca Oliver, Nov. 23,
1712.

*James of Robert Rand, Nov. 23, 1712.
*Richard of Priscilla Lovel, Nov. 23,
1712.

Dorcas of Richard Brooks, Nov. 23,
1712.

Elizabeth of John Orne, Nov. 30, 1712.
Martha of John Shaw, Dec. 7, 1712,
by Mr. Wadsworth.

Samuel of Cornelius Thayr, Jan. 4,
1713, by Mr. Wadsworth.

*Eben of Ebenezer Burgess, Jan. 4,
1713.

*Samuel of Thomas Steel, Jan. 11,
1713, by Mr. Bridge.

Mary of Samuel Bridgham, Jan. 11,
1713, by Mr. Bridge.

James of Samuel Belnap, aged 1 wk.,
Jan. 18, 1713.

William of Samuel Goff, Feb. 8, 1713.

*Elizabeth of Elizabeth Willis, Feb. 8,
1713.

*Sarah of Mary Fiske, April 26, 1713,
by Mr. Wadsworth. (Brattle Square
Church Records).]

¹ William of James and Margaret Peek, born Aug. 29, 1712 (Town Records).

² or Margaret.

⁸ Mary, daughter of John Corser and Sarah, his wife, born Oct. 1, 1711 (Town Rec-
ords).

Att Mr Pembertons Harrison son of Edward and Susannah Grey, March 2, 1711/12.

Att mr Colmans the same day Samuel son of Samuel Maxwell.

Att Mr Colmans Jane Daughter of Elisha Cooke junior, March 9, 1711/12.

Att Mr Pembertons Mindwell daughter of Benjamin Bird and Elizabeth daughter of James Buttler, March 9, 1712.

Joseph son of Bastion a free Negro his wife a member, March 9, 1712.

Att Mr Colmans Experience daughter of John Ranger, March 16, 1711/12.

Att Mr Colmans Isaiah son of Samuel Barret, April 6, 1712.

Att Mr Colmans Joseph son of Joseph Sawell, April 13, 1712.

Att Mr Pembertons Richard and Hannah children of Richard and Hannah Lowden, May 18, 1712.

Att Mr Colmans Abigail daughter of Mercy Atkins, June 8, 1712.

Att Mr Colmans Sarah daughter of John Dolbier, July 27, 1712.

Att Mr Pembertons Sands son of Eze-
kiel Cravath, Aug. 3, 1712.

Jeremiah Allen and Eunice daughter of Joseph Hubbard, Sept. 14, 1712.

Att Mr Colmans Wharfe (*Waffe*)⁹ the son of Ebenezer Rand¹ and John son of John Buttolph,² Sept. 28, 1712.

Att Mr Pembertons }
Jonathan son of Jonathan Loring } Oct. 19, 1712.
Margaret daughter of John Dorrel

Att Mr Colmans Isaac son of Thomas Worth, Nov. 9, 1712.

Att Mr Pembertons [blank] daughter of Peter Thomas.

Ebenezer son of Edward Goddard.

At Mr Colmans [Dorcas]³ daughter of Richard Brooks, Nov. 23, 1712.

[309] Att Mr Colmans Elizabeth daughter of John Orne, Nov. 30, 1712.

Att Mr Colmans Mercy⁴ daughter of John Shaw, Dec. 7, 1712.

Att Mr Pembertons Abigail daughter of Joshua Loring, Jan. 4, 1712/13.

Att Mr Colmans [Samuel]⁵ son of Cornelius Thare.

Att Mr Colmans Mary daughter of Samuel Bridgham, Jan. 11, 1712/13.

Att Mr Colmans James The son of Samuel Bellknap, Jan. 18, 1712/13.

Joannah daughter of Bartholomew and Joannah Spiller, June 14, 1713.

Mary daughter of Benjamin Bird, July 5, 1713.

Elizabeth daughter of John Pecker, July 19, 1713.

William son of William Hutchinson and Martha daughter of John Legg, Sept. 20, 1713.

Joseph son of Joseph Mason, Oct. 11, 1713.

James son of James Butler, Nov. 22, 1713.

⁹ Later hand.

¹ ² Not on Brattle Square Church Records.

³ Brattle Square Church Records.

⁴ *Martha* in Brattle Square Church Records.

⁵ Samuel, son of Cornelius Thayer and Lydia, his wife, born Dec. 30, 1712 (Town Records). Also in Brattle Square Church Records.

Att Mr Colmans William son of Samuel Goff, Feb. 9, 1712/13.

Att Mr Pembertons Martha daughter of Henry Howell, March 1, 1712/13.

Persons Baptized in The New Meeting House.

On the first day we entred into it Mary Stratford was admitted and Baptized, May 3, 1713.

Richard son of Nathaniel and Hannah Ellithorp, May 17, 1713.

John son of Edward and Susannah Grey and Mercy daughter of Samuel Barret, May 31, 1713.

Henry son of Henry Deering junior ibid. Rebekah daughter of Jonathan and Rebekah Williams, Nov. 29, 1713.

Richard the son of Robert and Susannah Rand, James son of James and Mary Wright and Mary daughter of Joseph and Deborah Thorn, Dec. 13, 1713.

Josiah son of Samuel Adams and Mary daughter of Joseph Lowden, Dec. 27, 1713.

David son of John Dalbear, Jan. 10, 1713/14.

Ebenezer son of Edward and Susannah Goddard, Jan. 17, 1713/14.

John son of John and Sarah Child, Feb. 7, 1713/14.

Elisha son of Elisha Cook, March, 1713/14.

Lydia daughter of John and Lydia Bradfield, March 21, 1713/14.

Mary wife of Joseph Mason Admitted and Baptized, March 28, 1714.

Mary daughter of John Shaw, March 28, 1714.

[310] Josiah son of Jonathan Loring, April 18, 1714.

John son of John Hunt, April 25, 1714. Ebenezer son of John Willis, May 2, 1714.

Elizabeth daughter of Philip and Elizabeth Bongarden, May 23, 1714. Allen son of James Penniman, June 13, 1714.

John son of James and Mary Gibson, July 11, 1714.

Ebenezer son of [John]⁶ Buckley, July 18, 1714.

Ann daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth Price, Aug. 1, 1714.

William son of Mary Fiske, Aug. 8, 1714.

Amos son of John Ranger, Aug. 15, 1714.

Mehitabel daughter of John Buttolfe, Dec. 12, 1714.

William son of Samuel Adams, Dec. 26, 1714.

Samuel son of Joseph Lowle, Jan. 2, 1714/15.

Ebenezer son of Ebenezer Rand, Jan., 1714/15.

Deborah daughter of Cornelius Thayre, Abigail daughter of William Lee and Grace daughter of Elizabeth Welland, Jan. 30, 1714/15.

James, Sarah and Hannah, children of James and Sarah Carey, Feb. 20, 1714/15. The mother was Baptized the 30th January last.

Abigail daughter of Martha Lackey, Abigail daughter of [Blank] Wheeler⁷

⁶ Ebenezer, son of John Buckley and Mary, his wife, born July 12, 1714 (Town Records).

⁷ Not in Town Records.

Elizabeth daughter of Peter Thomas, Aug. 22, 1714.	and John son of [Blank] ⁸ and Samuel Bridgham, Feb. 27, 1714/15.
John son of Sarah Mills, Sept. 12, 1714.	Milldred daughter of Samuel and Mill- dred Peck, March 6, 1714/15.
William son of John Dorrel, Sept. 12, 1714.	Jabez son of Jonathan Jackson, March 27, 1715.
Sarah daughter of John Orn, Sept. 26, 1714.	Anna and Elline Marion daughters of Joseph and Elline Marion, April 10, 1715.
Palti son of John Brown, Oct. 3, 1714.	Abigail daughter of Henry Howell, April 17, 1715.
David son of David Copp	Sarah daughter of Daniel Pecker, April 24, 1715.
Lydia daughter of David Colson	John son of Robert Dorby and Ann daughter of Samuel Durant, May 8, 1715.
Elizabeth daughter of Sebastian a Negro	John son of John Dolbear and Samuel son of Samuel Marion junior, June 5, 1715.
Sarah daughter of Ebenezer Burgess, Nov. 7, 1714.	James son of James Nash, June 12, 1715.
Hannah daughter of Joseph Saywell, Nov. 28, 1714.	
Ann daughter of Benjamin Bird <i>ibid.</i>	
Hannah daughter of Josuah Loring, Dec. 5, 1714.	

[311] The Reverend Mr Thomas
Bridge died Sept. 26, 1715.

Jonathan son of *Charles*¹ Demming,
July 2, 1715.
Abigail daughter of Andrew Cunningham-
ham Junior, July 10, 1715.
Deborah daughter of Joseph and De-
borah Thorne, Aug. 7, 1715.
Elizabeth daughter of Samuel Belknap,
Aug. 21, 1715.
Sarah daughter of Charles and Sarah
Howell, Aug. 21, 1715.
Several children of Ebenezer and Judith
Williston viz. Ebenezer, Martha, Thom-
as, Sarah and Judith, Aug. 21, 1715.

Chuziah the daughter of Mercy Finch
(Formerly Atkins), Jan. 22, 1715/16.
Nathaniel Adams and Thomas Bell,
sons of Joanna Bell who was this day ad-
mitted. And Martha daughter of John
and Mercy Shaw (a smith) and Wil-
liam son of William Fairfeild a Mason,
Jan. 29, 1715/16.
Susannah daughter of Robert and Sus-
annah Rand Feb. 12, 1715/16.
Elizabeth daughter of John and *Martha*²
Legg, Feb. 19, 1715/16.
Hephzibah daughter of Jonathan and
Rebekah Williams, Feb. 19, 1715/16.

⁸ Not in Town Records but children recorded for Samuel and Mary Bridgham in
1712 and 1716.

¹ Struck over *James* by later hand but probably correct. Jonathan, son of Charles
Deming and Sarah, his wife, born June 25, 1715 (Town Records).

² Struck over *Margaret* by later hand. Children born to John and *Martha* Legg, 1711
and 1713 (Town Records).

James the son of John and *Priscila*³ Lovell and Elizabeth daughter of *Thomas*⁴ and Elizabeth Price, Aug. 21, 1715.
 Rebekah Marshall adult, Aug. 28, 1715.
 Anna daughter of Thomas and Anna Downes, Sept. 3, 1715.
 Ellis son of Edward and Hannah Gray, Sept. 11, 1715.
 Mary daughter of Samuel and Mildred Peck, Sept. 18, 1715.
 James son of Joseph and Hannah Lowden, Sept. 25, 1715.
 Mary daughter of David and Mary Sinkcler, Sept. 25, 1715.
 John son of James and Sarah Cary, Oct. 16, 1715.
 Isaiah son of Samuell Barret, Nov. 13, 1715.
 Jane daughter of Elisha and Jane Cook, Elizabeth daughter of Henry and Elizabeth Deering, John son of John and Rebekah Hunt, Sarah daughter of Robert and Sarah Williams and William son of William and Sarah Hunstable, Nov. 20, 1715.
 Benjamin son of Hannah Philips who was this day admitted, Nov. 27, 1715.
 William Goodwin son of Jane Goodwin, Dec. 25, 1715.
 Edward son of Edward and Lydia Vail, Jan. 8, 1715/16.

Moses son of Peter Thomas, sadler, Feb. 26, 1715/16.
 Sarah daughter of John and Sarah Child, March 11, 1715/16.
 Sarah daughter of William Hutchinson, March 25, 1716.
 Elizabeth daughter of James and Mary Gipson, April 1, 1716.
 Abial daughter of William and Mercie Lee, April 15, 1716.
 Benjamin son of John and Rachel Dorrill and Abigail daughter of Thomas and Abigail Wait, April 29, 1716.
 Margaret, daughter of Thomas and Margaret Salter,⁵ and Abigail daughter of Samuell and Experience Thorn, May 6, 1716.
 Allen the son of James and Mary Peniman, May 20, 1716.
 Elizabeth, Henry, Judith and William the children of Elizabeth Allen (who was admitted and baptized this same day) were baptized May 27, 1716.
 Joseph son of Joseph and Ann Stevens, June 3, 1716.
 John son of Mary Franklin (formerly Gooch) and Elizabeth daughter of Jer. and Mary Allen, June 17, 1716.
 June 24, 1716, Allen and John two sons; and Elizabeth a daughter of Elizabeth Wild this day admitted.
 Jonathan the son of John and Sarah Course, July 1, 1716.
 Elizabeth daughter of Samuell and Elizabeth Willis, July 8, 1716.
 Ebenezer son of Ebenezer and Elizabeth Burges, July 22, 1716.
 William, the son of James and Mary Wright, July 29, 1716.

[312] Joshua the son of Joshua and Hannah Loring, Aug. 5, 1716.
 Elizabeth daughter of David and Hannah Coleson, Sept. 9, 1716.
 Pounding the son of Samuell Bridgham, Sept. 16, 1716.

Elizabeth daughter of Ebenezer and Elizabeth Rand, March 17, 1716/17.
 Hannah daughter of Cornelius and Lidya Thare and Anna, daughter of Ichabod and Anna Rogers, March 31, 1717.

^{3 4} Later entry.

⁵ Final *r* cut off by binder.

Sarah daughter of John Buttolph, Sept. 30, 1716.

Sarah daughter of Benjamin and Joanna Bird, Oct. 7, 1716.

John the son of William and Lois Walters and Caleb the son of Eleazer and Ruth Star, Nov. 11, 1716.

Christian, Hannah, Ester, Benjamin, the children of Benjamin and Christian Bridge, Dec. 2, 1716.

Joshua, son of Allen and Elizabeth Wild, Dec. 16, 1716.

Marjery daughter of John and Elizabeth Orn, Dec. 23, 1716.

Abraham, son of Abraham and Ann Clark, Dec. 30, 1716.

Mary daughter of Samuel Plummer and John son of Thomas and Mary Worth, Jan. 6, 1716/17.

Anna daughter of John and Elizabeth Ranger, Jan. 13, 1716/17.

Ebenezer son of Sarah Polly of the Church in Roxbury, Jamaica,⁶ Jan. 20, 1716/17.

Thomas son of John Hunt

Jeremiah son of John Wheelwright

John son of Ephraim Wheeler

Mary Daughter of Joseph Prince

Walter son of John Brown, Feb. 10, 1716/17.

Samuel son of *Samuel*⁷ and Mildred Peck, Feb. 10, 1716/17.

Samuel son of Samuel Durant and Henry son of Thomas Downe, Feb. 17, 1716/17.

Peter (about 6 or 8 years old) son of Katharine Bramen, Philip son of Philip

John son of Thomas and Joanna Bell, April 7, 1717.

Benjamin son of John and Hannah Cooldge, April 14, 1717.

John the son of John and Anna Powel and Jonathan the son of James Cary, May 5, 1717.

Nathaniel son of Samuel and Lydia Adams and John son of Henry and Martha Howel, June 2, 1717.

James the son of James and Joanna Landman, June 9, 1717.

John the son of John and Elizabeth Welland, June 16, 1717.

Samuel son of William and Sarah Hunstable, June 23, 1717.

Mary daughter of Ebenezer and Elizabeth Burgess, June 30, 1717.

John the son of John and Mary Millar, July 7, 1717.

Susannah daughter of Thomas Salter, July 21, 1717.

Charles son of Charles Demming, July 28, 1717.

William son of Ebenezer and Elizabeth Fisher and Ann daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth Price, Aug. 4, 1717.

John son of Samuel and Mary Marrion, Aug. 11, 1717.

Elisha son of Elisha and Jane Cook, Aug. 25, 1717.

Benjamin son of Michael Willis, Sept. 1, 1717.

Mary daughter of Ebenezer and Judith Williston, Sept. 29, 1717.

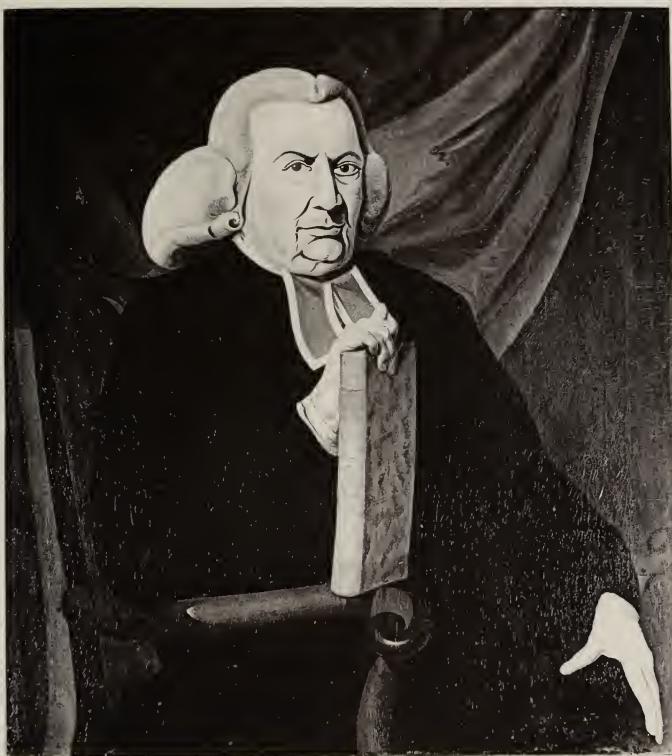
William, the son of Alexander Conchy, alias, Machonchy, who lately came from Ireland, being a Member of a church there, Oct. 6, 1717.

Susannah daughter of Samuel and Sarah Barrett, Oct. 27, 1717.

Margaret daughter of Joseph Savil,

⁶ i.e. Second Parish, Roxbury, gathered in 1712; district originally known as Jamaica End.

⁷ Struck over *John* by later hand. A Samuel, son of Samuel Peck and Elizabeth, his wife, born Sept. 9, 1717 (Town Records) but the dates or the name of the mother do not correspond.



The Reverend Charles Chauncy, D.D.

1705-1787

Minister of the First Church, 1727-1787

Painted by an unknown artist for
Joseph Woodward in 1786

Bongarden, Elizabeth daughter of Elizabeth Bull and Mary daughter of Joseph Pierce, March 3, 1716/17.

Daniel son of Daniel Pecker and Elizabeth daughter of James Gooch Junior, March 10, 1716/17.

Dec. 1717 this was the first baptized by Mr Foxcroft.

Mary daughter of Edward Gray, Dec.

22, 1717; Christian, daughter [313] of Christian Sympson; Lydia daughter of Joanna Spiller, David son of Mary Senclare, Dec. 22, 1717.

Elizabeth daughter of John and Rebekah Hunt, Jan. 12, 1717/18.

Benjamin son of Nathaniel Kittle and Benjamin son of Benjamin Bird, Jan. 19, 1717/18.

Elizabeth daughter of Nathaniel and Mary Gardner, Jan. 26, 1717/18.

Sarah daughter of Deacon Jonathan Williams and Rebekah his wife, Feb. 2, 1717/18.

Mary daughter of Henry and Elizabeth Deering, Feb. 9, 1717/18.

Joseph son of Joseph and Deborah Thorn, Feb. 16, 1717/18.

William the son of John Buttolph and Elizabeth daughter of James Beighton, Feb. 23, 1717.

Abigail daughter of *William*⁸ and Lois Walter and Mary daughter of Andrew and Mary Cunningham, March 2, 1717/18.

Nathaniel son of Nathaniel Reynolds and John son of John and Sarah Bradford, March 23, 1717/18.

Thomas son of Thomas Chamberlain, William son of William Fairfield and Thomas son of Martha Lackley, March 30, 1718.

Francis son of William Hutchinson, William the son and Katharine the daughter of Matthew Adams, April 6, 1718.

Mary daughter of Isaac Marrion and Mary daughter of Benjamin White of

James son of Ebenezer and Elizabeth Burgess, Joshua son of Joshua and Sarah Blanchard and Hannah daughter of Thomas and Hannah Weems, July 13, 1718.

Mary daughter of Mary Olive (a child above a year old, her mother being admitted the sabbath before), July 20, 1718.

Jonathan son of Charles Deming, Aug. 3, 1718.

Lemuel son of Lemuel Gowen; William son of sister Mildred Peck and Nathanael son of Samuel and Elizabeth Willis, Aug. 10, 1718.

Rebekah daughter of Joseph Whily one lately come from Ireland, Sept. 7, 1718.

John son of Ichabod and Ann Rogers, Sept. 21, 1718.

Ruth daughter of John Reynolds, Oct. 19, 1718.

Jane daughter of Abigail Langdon, Samuel son of Samuel Thorn, Nov. 2, 1718.

Anna daughter of Anna Wardel of the Church in Braintree, Dec. 21, 1718.

Samuel son of Ebenezer and Sarah Graves, Dec. 28, 1718.

Abigail daughter of John and Elizabeth Orn, Jan. 11, 1718/19.

Martha daughter of Peter Thomas and Thomas son of Thomas Down, Feb. 1, 1718/19.

William Owen son of Bartholomew Barret, Feb. 8, 1718/19.

Joseph the son of John Cooledge, Feb. 15, 1718/19.

Ann daughter of John Brown, Hannah

⁸ Later hand; William was probably not a church member.

the new South Church Boston, April 20, 1718.
 Ebenezer son of John and Mercy Shaw
 Sarah daughter of William and Sarah Hunstable } June 8, 1718.
 John son of Jonathan and Elizabeth Bull; Ann daughter of Abraham and Ann Clark and Ebenezer son of Allen and Elizabeth Wild, July 6, 1718.

daughter of Nathanael and Hannah Elithorp and Thomas son of Nathanael Reynolds, March 1, 1718/19.
 Abigail daughter of James Cary, March 8, 1718/19.
 Mary daughter of James Landman, March 15, 1718/19.
 Mehitabel daughter of Alice Blancher, March 22, 1718/19.
 Shrimpton son of William Hutchinson, Lydia daughter of Lydia Vail and Matthew son of Matthew Pool, March 29, 1719.

[314] William son of John and Ann Powel on April 5, 1719.
 Mary daughter of Samuel and Mary Marrion, May 3, 1719.
 Mary daughter of Hemmen Henderson, May 10, 1719.
 Samuel son of George and Mary⁹ Smith, May 17, 1719.
 Mary daughter of John and Ann Sale, May 24, 1719.
 Phillips son of Thomas Chamberlane, June 7, 1719.
 Nathanael son of Ebenezer and Elizabeth Rand, June 14, 1719.
 James son of James Gooch Junior, June 21, 1719.
 John Pain, a Lad about 8 or 10 years old, his Mother being this day received into church — And also an Infant Elizabeth daughter of Ebenezer Fisher, June 28, 1719.
 Methusalah son of Mary Olivee,⁹ and Mary daughter of Christopher and Tabitha Monk, July 5, 1719.
 Sarah daughter of William and Sarah Hunstable and Elizabeth daughter of Joseph and Mary Pearse, July 19, 1719.
 Mary daughter of Elizabeth Welland and Mercy daughter of Ebenezer Burgess, July 26, 1719.
 Charles son of Thomas and Elizabeth Price and Nathanael son of Alexander and Sarah Harper, Aug. 2, 1719.

Nathanael, the son of Nathanael and Mary Gardner, Oct. 11, 1719.
 John son of John and Elizabeth Wheelwright, Oct. 25, 1719.
 Sarah daughter of Henry Howel and Elizabeth daughter of William Fairfield, Nov. 1, 1719.
 Mary daughter of James and Mary Wright, Nov. 8, 1719.
 Robert son of Robert and Susanna Rand, Nov. 15, 1719.
 Elizabeth daughter of Katharine Baldry, Samuel son of James and Elizabeth Beighton, George son of Samuel Durant, Nov. 22, 1719.
 Thomas son of John Buttolph, Nov. 29, 1719.
 Thomas son of the Reverend Mr Thomas Foxcroft Pastor of this Church, Jan. 3, 1719/20.
 Anna (about five years old) daughter of Sarah Watts lately admitted into the Church, Jan. 10, 1719/20.
 Faith daughter of John Durant, Jan. 24, 1719/20.
 Caleb, son of Joshua and Sarah Blancher, Feb. 14, 1719/20.
 Thomas son of Richard and Thankfull Langdon, Feb. 22, 1719/20.
 Mary daughter of Samuel Townsend and Isaac son of Isaac Marrion, March 6, 1719/20.

⁹ Later hand.

⁹ Probably should read *Oliver*.

Sarah daughter of John and Sarah Bradford, Aug. 16, 1719.

James the son of Ephraim Wheeler and George the son of Mary Jemerson, Aug. 23, 1719.

Joseph son of James and Mary Penniman, Aug. 30, 1719.

Adam son of David Collson and Cornelius son of Cornelius Thare, Sept. 6, 1719.

Benjamin son of *John*¹ Dorrel, Elizabeth daughter of Joseph Savil and Andrew son of Andrew Cunningham, Oct. 4, 1719.

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April 10, 1720, David son of David and Sarah Cunningham.

Susanna daughter of Samuel and Susanna Hill, April 24, 1720.

Susanna daughter of Joseph and Abigail Russel, May 1, 1720.

Samuel son of Samuel and Mary May, May 8, 1720.

Thomas son of Henry and Elizabeth Deering, May 22, 1720.

Sarah daughter of Edward Gray, May 29, 1720.

Jeremiah son of John and Ann Powel, June 5, 1720.

Joanna daughter of Joanna Spiller, June 12, 1720.

Elizabeth daughter of Joseph and Mary Prince, June 19, 1720.

Elizabeth daughter of Allen and Elizabeth Wild and Benjamin son of Samuel and Mildred Peck, July 3, 1720.

Edward son of Edward and Lydia Vale, July 17, 1720.

William Down son of Daniel and Mary Chever, Abigail daughter of Joseph and

Joanna Brown and Hannah daughter of Josiah Carter, July 24, 1720.

Benjamin son of John Shaw, July 31, 1720.

James son of Robert Williams and Elizabeth daughter of Abraham and Anne Clark, March 13, 1719/20.

John son of Ebenezer and Judith Williston, March 20, 1719/20.

Jonathan son of Ichabod and Ann Rogers, March 27, 1720.

John son of Ann Wardel, Oct. 9, 1720.

Isabella daughter of Thomas and Hannah Weems, Oct. 23, 1720.

Margaret daughter of Alexander Fief, Nov. 27, 1720.

Jonathan son of James and Mary Penniman, Dec. 4, 1720.

George son of George and Mary Smith, Jan. 22, 1720/21.

Elizabeth daughter of Elizabeth Gerick and Grace the daughter of John and Jane Crandan, Jan. 29, 1720/21.

Jane daughter of Elisha and *Jane*² Cook, Feb. 12, 1720/21.

Matthew the son of Matthew and Katherine Adams, Feb. 26, 1720/21.

Thomas son of Thomas and Hannah Fairweather, Benjamin son of William Fairfield, John son of John Bradford and Sarah daughter of Samuel and Mary Marrion, March 12, 1720/21.

Hemmen son of Hemmen Henderson and Caleb son of Joshua Blanchard, March 19, 1720/21.

James son of Samuel and Experience Thorn and Lydia daughter of Rebecca Barret, April 2, 1721.

Thomas son of Ebenezer and Elizabeth Rand and Mary daughter of John and Elizabeth Orn, April 9, 1721.

¹ Later hand.

² Struck over *Elizabeth* by a later hand.

George son of John and Elizabeth Welland, Aug. 7, 1720.

Elizabeth daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth Wadsworth, Ann daughter of Michael and Mary Willis, Rachel daughter of Ebenezer Burgess and Nathanael son of William and Sarah Hunstable, Sept. 25, 1720.

Thomas son of Thomas Chamberlain, Sarah daughter of Daniel Pecker and Ann daughter of John Reynolds, May 21, 1721.

Sarah daughter of Ebenezer Fisher, June 11, 1721.

*Sarah daughter of John Roulestone, June 25, 1721.*³

Hannah daughter of Joshua Loring, June 4, 1721.

Rebekah daughter of *James and⁴ Rebekah Oliver, July 9, 1721.*

[316] Deborah daughter of Joseph Savil and Samuel son of James Landman, July 16, 1721.

John son of John and Mary Edmunds, July 30, 1721.

Richard son of John and *Abigail⁵ Salter*, Aug. 6, 1721.

Hannah daughter of John and Hannah Cooledge and John son of Edward and Lydia Vail, Aug. 13, 1721.

John son of John and Rachel Durant, Aug. 20, 1721.

Mary daughter of Mary Jemison and Elizabeth daughter of Mary Oliver, Aug. 27, 1721.

Hannah daughter of John and Elizabeth Welland, Sept. 3, 1721.

Elizabeth daughter of the Reverend Mr Thomas Foxcroft, Pastor and Joseph son of Joseph Pearse, Sept. 24, 1721.

Mary daughter of William Booker and Mary daughter of Christopher and Tabitha Monk, Oct. 1, 1721.

Nathanael son of John and Elizabeth Wheelwright, Oct. 29, 1721.

Thomas son of Edward Gray, Nov. 12, 1721.

Abigail daughter of Elizabeth Todd, Nov. 19, 1721.

Sarah daughter of Henry and Sarah Wheeler, Dec. 3, 1721.

Abigail daughter of Joseph Russel, Feb. 25, 1721/22.

Samuel son of Samuel Work, one lately come from Ireland, March 11, 1721/22. John son of Nathanael and Mary Gardner baptized May 6, 1722.

Sarah daughter of James and Elizabeth Gerrick, May 13, 1722.

James (about ten years old) and William (2 or 3 years younger) sons of Rachel Preson, some months agoe restored to Communion, after sundry years suspension, May 27, 1722.

Rebekah daughter of John and Ann Sale, June 3, 1722.

Sarah daughter of Joshua and Sarah Blancher, June 10, 1722.

Elizabeth daughter of John and Ann Powel, July 10, 1722.

Joseph son of Joseph and Abigail Webb, July 22, 1722.

Henry son of William and Sarah Hunstable, Aug. 26, 1722.

Henry son of Henry and Elizabeth Deering, Thomas son of Richard and Thankful Langdon, Joseph son of William and Mary Thorn and Mary daughter of James and Mary Penniman, Sept. 2, 1722.

William son of Isaac and Rebeca Marion, Sept. 16, 1722.

³ These entries were made in a different hand, probably by Foxcroft.

⁴ Later hand.

⁵ Later hand.

Mary daughter of Cornelius Thayer and Freelove daughter of James Cary, Dec. 17, 1721.

Sarah daughter of David and Sarah Cunningham, Elizabeth daughter of John Brown, Dec. 24, 1721.

Rachel daughter of John Darrell and Nathanael (about 5 or 6 years old) son of Martha Thwing, Dec. 31, 1721.

Elizabeth daughter of Edward and Lydia Vail, Sept. 30, 1722.

Elizabeth daughter of Ebenezer and Elizabeth Rand and Abigail daughter of Daniel and Mary Cheever, Oct. 7, 1722.

Shrimpton son of John and Rebekah Hunt, Oct. 21, 1722.

Increase son of Joseph and Elizabeth Sympson and Thomas son of Thomas and Elizabeth Price, Oct. 28, 1722.

[317] Elizabeth daughter of Thomas and Hannah Weems, Oct. 28, 1722.

Elizabeth daughter of Allen and Elizabeth Wild, Nov. 4, 1722.

William (about 13 years old) and Nathanael (I suppose, about 6 or 7 years old) the sons of Nathanael Wardel (who was admitted into the Church Oct. 28, 1722) were baptised Nov. 11, 1722.

Sarah daughter of Samuel and Ann Marion, Nov. 18, 1722.

Samuel son of Matthew Pool, Nov. 25, 1722.

William son of William and Ruth Lee and Sussanna daughter of Ebenezer and Elizabeth Burgess, Dec. 9, 1722.

Caleb son of David and Sarah Cunningham, Dec. 16, 1722.

John son of John and Mary Miller, Dec. 30, 1722.

Ann daughter of Ann Saunders, Jan. 13, 1722/23.

Mehitabel daughter of John Buttolf, Mary daughter of William Booker, Mary daughter of Samuel and Sarah Warden and Agnis daughter of James Hunter, from Ireland, Jan. 27, 1722/23. Nathanael son of John and Sarah Bradford, Feb. 17, 1722/23.

William son of John and Ann Waldo, Sarah daughter of Robert Williams and John son of Andrew Cunningham, March 3, 1722/23.

Mary daughter of Thomas and Mary Smith and Judeth daughter of Ebenezer and Judeth Williston, March 17, 1722/23.

Samuel son of Benjamin and Christian Bridge, April 14, 1723.

Anne daughter of John and Anne Powell, April 21, 1723.

John son of Bartholomew and Rebekah Barret, April 28, 1723.

George son of George and Sarah Trundee and Samuel son of Samuel and Lucy Waldo, May 12, 1723.

Anne daughter of Ichabod and Ann Rogers, May 26, 1723.

Anna daughter of Reverend Mr Thomas Foxcroft, a Pastor of this Church. At the same time, Ebenezer son of Ebenezer Fisher and Elizabeth his wife, June 9, 1723.

Thomas son of Thomas and Abigail Bradford, June 23, 1723.

Mary daughter of Michael and Mary Willis. At the same time (viz. June 30, 1723) Elizabeth Watson about 5 or six years old; baptized on account of her Grandmother Langdon who publicly promised to bring her up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord; the mother of the child was dead. See back, page 193.⁶

William Blair son of James and Elizabeth Townsend, July 7, 1723.

James son of James and Elizabeth Kylling, Bartholomew son of Robert

⁶ i.e. p. (to be added)

Jonathan son of Thomas and Hannah Fayerweather, March 10, 1722/23.

and Susannah Rand, Abigail daughter of John Salter and Samuel son of Joseph and Abigail Webb, Aug. 4, 1723.

Martha daughter of Hemmen Henderson, Aug. 11, 1723.

Elizabeth daughter of Joseph Savil, Joseph son of Joseph and Elizabeth Kneeland, Aug. 25, 1723.

Samuel son of John and Jane Legg, Sept. 1, 1723.

Mary daughter of George and Mary Smith and Elizabeth daughter of Samuel and Mildred Peck, Sept. 8, 1723.

Mary daughter of Elisha and Jane Cook, Elizabeth daughter of Alexander and Elizabeth Tod and John son of John Reynolds, Sept. 29, 1723.

Mary daughter of Nathanael and Ann Wardel, Oct. 13, 1723.

Joshua son of Joshua Kent, Nov. 10, 1723.

William and Bethia (twins) children of John Shaw, Nov. 17, 1723.

[318] Thomas son of John and Rebecca Hunt, Cornelius son of David and Sarah Cunningham; these two, Nov. 24, 1723.

John son of Margaret Rushton, Dec. 1, 1723.

Elizabeth daughter of Edward and Lydia Vale, Dec. 15, 1723.

John son of Edmund and Ester Perkins and Mary daughter of Matthew Pool, Dec. 22, 1723.

Mary daughter of John Brown and Mary daughter of Henry Howel, Jan. 12, 1723/24.

Mercy daughter of William and Mary Thorn, Jan. 19, 1723/24.

William son of Edward Gray, Feb. 2, 1723/24.

Joshua son of Joshua and Mary Pratt, Feb. 23, 1723/24.

At the same time Jane Williams about 8 or 10 years old, whose mother was then received into the church Jane Williams.

William (about a year old) Son of William Ware this year received into the Church, Sept. 13, 1724.

Christopher, son of Christopher and Tabitha Monk, Sept. 27, 1724.

Bridget daughter of Nicholas Belknap, Oct. 4, 1724.

Anne daughter of Henry and Elizabeth Deering, Elizabeth daughter of John Hendry, Oct. 11, 1724.

Thomas son of William and Ruth Lee, Oct. 18, 1724.

Priscilla daughter of John and Sarah Bradford, Oct. 25, 1724.

Samuel son of Thomas Price, Martha daughter of John and Hannah Coolidge, Richard and Bartholomew, twins, sons of Daniel and Mary Cheever, Nov. 1, 1724.

Rebeccah daughter of Ebenezer Burgess, Nov. 8, 1724.

Hannah daughter of James Gooch, Nov. 15, 1724.

Abigail daughter of James Cary, March 1, 1723/24.

David son of Elizabeth Gerrick, March 8, 1723/24.

John son of John and Ann Sale, March 22, 1723/24.

Susanah daughter of John and Mercy Cornish, March 29, 1724.

Agnis daughter of James Hunter, April 12, 1724.

Abigail daughter of Joseph and Abigail Russel, April 19, 1724.

Mary daughter of Samuel and Mary May, April 26, 1724.

Samuel son of John and Ann Powel and Lydia daughter of Josiah Carter, May 17, 1724.

Theodore son of John and Elizabeth Wheelwright, George son of John and Elizabeth Welland, Mary daughter of James and Elizabeth Beighton and Samuel son of Samuel Marrion, May 24, 1724.

Jonathan son of Ichabod Rogers, July 26, 1724.

Isaac son of Joshua and Sarah Blanchard, Aug. 2, 1724.

John son of Thomas and Abigail Bradford, Aug. 16, 1724.

Ignatius son of Isaac and Rebekah Marion, Aug. 23, 1724.

Isaac son of Isaac and Ellen Fowl, Aug. 30, 1724.

Mary daughter of the Reverend Mr Thomas Foxcroft Pastor of this Church, and Thomas son of John Durant, Sept. 6, 1724.

Mary daughter of Richard and Thankfull Langdon, Nov. 29, 1724.

John son of Andrew Cunningham, Dec. 6, 1724.

Thomas son of Ebenezer and Elizabeth Rand, Dec. 20, 1724.

Joseph son of Thomas and Hannah Inches, Jan. 10, 1724/25.

Lucy daughter of Samuel and Lucy Waldo and John son of George Glen, Jan. 24, 1724/25.

Samuel son of James Clough and Margaret daughter of Joshua Kent, Jan. 31, 1724/25.

Samuel son of Thomas and Hannah Fairweather and Ichabod son of Ebenezer and Judah Williston, Feb. 7, 1724/25.

Robert son of Robert and Ann Sanders and Lydia daughter of Joseph and Abigail Webb, Feb. 14, 1724/25.

Henderson son of John and Marget Rushton and Elizabeth daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth Kneeland, Feb. 21, 1724/25.

[319] Foreland son of John Combes, March 21, 1724/25.

John and Timothy sons of John and Jane Smalledge, first abt. 3 or 4 and the 2nd about one year old.

At the same time (March 28, 1725) William the son of Samuel Warden.

Elizabeth daughter of James Day, April 11, 1725.

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Jan. 2. Thomas son of Joseph Savil.

Jan. 30. Moses son of Nathanael (*and Ann*)* Wardel.

Feb. 6. Ezekiel son of John and Sarah Child.

Joseph son of Isaac and Rebekah Marion.

* Italicized words with asterisks were added later in same hand.

Rebekah daughter of James and Elizabeth Townsend and Lydia daughter of Bartholomew and Rebekah Barret, April 18, 1725.

William son of John Buttolph and John son of Lydia Rawlens, May 9, 1725.

Anna daughter of Jonathan (*and Martha*)⁷ Williams Junior, May 30, 1725.

Mary daughter of Robert Williams, June 20, 1725.

Jane daughter of John (*and Jane*)⁸ Legg, John son of Matthew and (*Catherine*)⁹ Adams, and John son of John (*and Abigail*)¹ Salter, June 27, 1725. *The last that were baptised by Mr Wadsworth.*²

Hannah daughter of Josiah (*and Lydia*)³ Carter, July 4, 1725.

James son of James (*and Elisabeth*)⁴ Beighton and Thomas son of Thomas (*and Mary*)⁵ Hubbard, July 11, 1725.⁶

Aug. 15, 1725, Ruth daughter of Ebenezer and Elizabeth Fisher.

Aug. 22, 1725, John son of John *and Martha** Marshal and Abigail daughter of Thomas Campbell.

Sept. 5, 1725, Hannah daughter of Samuel (*and Experience*)* Thorn Junior.

Sept. 12, 1725, James son of James *and** Elisabeth Gerrick.

Sept. 19, 1725, Esther daughter of Edmund and Esther Perkins and Ann daughter of Matthew Pool.

Sept. 26, 1725, Benjamin son of Hemmen Henderson.

Oct. 3, 1725, Sarah daughter of Joshua and Sarah Blanchard.

Oct. 17, 1725, Mary daughter of William and Mary Thorn.

Feb. 13, John son of John and Susannah Tinkhum.

Mar. 20, Turell son of Cornelius *and Lydia** Thayer.

Susanna daughter of Alexander and Elisabeth Todd.

Mar. 27, Ezekiel son of Joseph and Abigail Russel.

Mary daughter of James Hunter.

Apr. 3, Benjamin son of Edward Gray.

Elisabeth daughter of John *and Elisabeth** Wheelwright.

Mary daughter of Thomas Rogers, a Stranger, Member of a Church in Ireland.

Apr. 10, Nathanael son of John Reynolds.

May 1, Samuel son of Samuel and Ruth Russel.

Elias son of Elias Dupee.

May 15, Agnes daughter of Joshua Kent.

May 29, Mitchelson son of Henry and Elisabeth Deering.

Ann daughter of William *and Anna** Loring.

June 5, Henderson son of Thomas and Hannah Inches.

Susanna daughter of Joseph *and Mary** Peirse.⁷

June 12, John son of John and Mercy Cornish.

Ellen daughter of Isaac and Ellen Fowle.

June 19, Eleanor daughter of James Cary.

Mary daughter of Thomas Hubbard.

Rachel daughter of John Durant.

Aug. 7, Martha daughter of Thomas and Anna Foxcroft.

Aug. 14, Nathanael son of John Shaw.

* Italicized words with asterisks were added later in same hand.

⁷⁻⁵ Added at a later date by Foxcroft.

⁶ Here end the records in the hand of Benjamin Wadsworth who became President of Harvard College in this year. From this point through 1761 the entries are in the hand of Thomas Foxcroft.

⁷ Struck over Pearce.

Oct. 24, 1725, Zachariah son of Robert and *Susanna** Rand.

Nov. 7. Persis, daughter of Gershom and *Priscilla** Tenney.

Nov. 21. Joseph son of Joseph Cooke.

Dec. 5. Jane, daughter of John and Jane Smallidge and Margaret daughter of John Stevenson Member of a Church in Ireland.

Dec. 12. Joseph son of Joseph and *Hannah** Rainger.

William son of John and Margaret Rushton.

Aug. 28. Elisha son of Joseph and Abigail Webb.

Sep. 1. Josiah son of Josiah and *Lydia** Carter.

Sep. 11. Butler son of John and Elisabeth Welland.

Sep. 25. Benjamin son of Benjamin Dyar.

Oct. 2. Ruth daughter of Briant and Ruth Parrot.

Ruth daughter of Ichabod and *Anne** Rogers.

Oct. 9. Mary daughter of Jonathan Williams Junior.

Oct. 16. Rebekah daughter of Joseph Sheed.

Sarah daughter of Andrew Cunningham.

Oct. 30. Elisabeth daughter of John Bradford.

Dec. 4. William son of John and Anna Powel.

Hannah daughter of Samuel and Lucy Waldo.

Dec. 18. Abigail daughter of Samuel and Mildred Peck.

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Jan. 1. Abigail daughter of Thomas and Abigail Bradford.

Jan. 8. Samuel son of Samuel and Naomi Ridgeway.

Jan. 29. Bartholomew son of Daniel and Mary Cheever.

John son of Knight and Abigail Leverett.

John son of John Stevenson.

Feb. 5. Thomas son of John Buttolph.

Feb. 12. Thomas son of Alexander and *Mary** Martyn.

Mary son⁸ of Joseph and Elisabeth Kneeland.

Nov. 26. Rebekah daughter of Isaac and Ellin Fowle.

Dec. 10. Joseph son of John and Mary Millar.

George son of John and Margaret Rushton.

Joseph son of Joseph Cooke.

These First baptized by Mr Chauncy.

Dec. 24. John son of John and Mary Homer.

Joseph son of Ebenezer and *Judith** Williston.

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Jan. 7. *Elisabeth** daughter of Isaac and Mehitabel Sterns.

* Italicized words with asterisks were added later in same hand.

⁸ i.e. daughter.

Feb. 26. Hannah daughter of Thomas and Hannah Fairweather.
 William son of Ebenezer and Elisabeth Fisher.
 Thomas son of Christopher and Tabitha Monk.
 Mar. 5. Mary daughter of Robert and Ann Sanders.
 Mar. 12. Elisabeth daughter of Elisabeth Blanchard widow; about 3 years old.
 Mar. 26. Edmund son of Edmund and Esther Perkins.
 Apr. 2. John son of John Combes.
 Apr. 9. Sarah daughter of John and Hannah Cooledge.
 Sarah daughter of Samuel and Sarah Russel.
 Apr. 23. Adlington son of *James and* Elisabeth Gerrick*.
 May 14. John son of Matthew Pool.
 Robert son of *James and Martha* Doack*.
 May 28. Thomas son of Joshua and *Sarah* Blanchard*.
 June 4. Susanna daughter of Henry and *Martha* Howel*.
 June 11. George son of George Glen.
 June 25. Lydia daughter of Cornelius and Faith Waldo.
 Hannah daughter of Joseph and Abigail Russel.
 July 2. Samuel son of Samuel and Ruth Trott.
 July 9. Richard son of Samuel and Martha Read.
 July 30. Mary daughter of Elias Dupee.
 Aug. 6. Thomas son of Eunice Barns.
 Lydia daughter of Josiah and *Lydia* Carter*.
 Aug. 27. Elisabeth daughter of Henry and *Elisabeth* Neal*.
 Thomas son of *Thomas and Eunice* Campbell*.
 Sep. 3. Robert son of Robert Williams.
 Ezekiel son of Thomas and Elisabeth Price.
 Jan. 14. Charity daughter of Benjamin and Charity Goldthwait.
 Jan. 28. Mary daughter of Thomas and Mary Hubbard.
 Feb. 4. Rebecca daughter of *Matthias and* Mary Cussens*.
 Mar. 10. James son of John and Elisabeth Welland.
 John son of John and Ann Sale.
 Apr. 7. Mary daughter of Joshua and Rachel Kent.
 Apr. 14. Sarah daughter of James and Elisabeth Gerrick.
 Apr. 21. Abigail daughter of Christopher and Tabitha Monk.
 Mary daughter of John and Elisabeth Mold.
 May 5. Sarah daughter of Byfield and Sarah Lyde.
 May 12. Edward son of Isaac and Rebekah Marion.
 John son of Alexander and *Mary* Martyn*.
 May 19. Francis son of Samuel and Lucy Waldo.
 Sarah daughter of Thomas and Anna Foxcroft.
 June 9. Thomas son of Benjamin and *Margaret* Dyer*.
 June 16. Abigail daughter of Robert and *Susanna* Rand*.
 July 14. John son of Elias Dupee.
 Aug. 4. Nathan son of John and Jane Smallidge.
 James son of James Hunter.
 Nathanael son of Jeremy and Sarah Green.
 Sarah daughter of Samuel and Silence Torrey.
 Aug. 11. Elisabeth daughter of John and Elisabeth Wheelwright.
 Aug. 18. Sarah daughter of John and Elisabeth Whitney.
 Aug. 25. Mary daughter of Nathanael and Mary Roberts.
 Sep. 1. Martha daughter of Jonathan (and Martha) Williams Junior.

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Sarah daughter of William and *Ruth**
Lee.

Francis son of Joseph Rainger.

Mary daughter of James Day.

Oct. 15. Prudence daughter of Joseph
and Ellin Marion.

Elisabeth daughter of John Daniels.

Oct. 29. William Allen son of William
and Ann Scott.

Nov. 5. Mary daughter of Joseph Savil.

Sarah daughter of John and *Sarah**
Plaisted.

Nov. 19. Sarah daughter of Nathanael
Fairfield.

Elisabeth daughter of John and
Elisabeth Mold.

Martha daughter of Richard and
Thankful Langdon.

Sep. 8. Jonathan son of Joshua and
Sarah Blanchard.

John son of John Daniels.

Sep. 15. Mary daughter of John and
Sarah Bradford.

Sep. 22. Benjamin son of Benjamin and
Elisabeth Russel.

Mary daughter of Isaac and Mehita-
bel Sternes.

Sep. 29. Susanna daughter of John and
Anna Powel.

William son of Thomas and Hannah
Fairweather.

Mary daughter of John and Mary
Hunter.

Thomas son of Thomas and Abigail
Bradford.

Oct. 6. Nathanael son of Josiah and
Lydia Carter.

Oct. 13. Nathanael son of Matthew and
Catharine Adams.

Oct. 27. Mary daughter of Cornelius
and Sarah Thompson.

Robert son of John Stevenson.

Susanna daughter of Samuel (and Ex-
perience) Thorn Junior.

[321] November 1728. None.

Dec. 1. Joseph son of Joseph and Elisabeth Gooch.

Susanna daughter of Andrew Cunningham junior.

Rebekah daughter of Knight and Abigail Leverett.

Dec. 15. Abigail daughter of Benjamin and Christian Bridge.

Anne daughter of John and Mercy Cornish.

Dec. 22. Elisabeth daughter of William and *Elisabeth** Fairfield.

Mary daughter of Nathanael and *Joanna** Thwing.

Dec. 29. Catharine daughter of Joseph and *Susanna** Shead.

Dec. 14. Elisabeth daughter of Josiah and *Lydia** Carter.

Dec. 28. Samuel son of Samuel and *Susanna** Hill.

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Jan. 4. Caleb son of Joshua and *Sarah** Blanchard.

Elisabeth daughter of Jeremy and Sarah Green.

Feb. 1. Nathanael son of Nathanael and Mary Roberts.

Feb. 8. Lettice daughter of James and Elisabeth Gerrick.

Feb. 15. Mary daughter of Byfield and Sarah Lyde.

Mar. 1. Sarah daughter of Cornelius

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Jan. 12. John son of Joseph and *Hannah** Rainger.
 February. None.
 Mar. 9. Mary daughter of John and Hannah Cooledge.
 John son of William and Abigail Ware.
 Apr. 6. Jonathan son of Thomas Pierce.
 Apr. 27. Hugh son of John Combes.
 May 11. Nathanael son of Samuel and *Naomi** Ridgeway.
 May 18. Charles son of Reverend Charles and Elisabeth Chauncey.
 Samuel son of Samuel and *Sarah** Warden.
 May 25. Samuel son of [blank].
 June 1. Rebekah daughter of Daniel and Mary Cheever.
 Nathanael son of Joseph and Elisabeth Kneeland.
 Thomas son of Thomas and Eleanor Hartly.
 June 15. William son of William Torrey.
 June 29. Samuel son of Samuel and Martha Read.
 July 20. John son of John and *Abigail** Salter.
 July 27. John son of John and Dorothy Marion.
 Aug. 3. James son of Ichabod and *Anne** Rogers.
 James son of Thomas and *Eunice** Campbell.
 Isaac son of Isaac and Ellen Fowle.
 Aug. 24. Deborah daughter of Gershom Tenny.
 Henry son of Henry and Elisabeth Neal.
 Dinah and Maria daughters of Col. Byfield's Negro Woman Rose.
 Aug. 31. Susanna daughter of Edmund and Esther Perkyns.
 Elisabeth daughter of John and Elisabeth Whitney.

and Lydia Thayer.
 Rebekah daughter of Ebenezer and *Rebekah** Williston junior.
 Mar. 8. William son of Joseph and *Hannah** Rainger.
 Mar. 22. Sarah daughter of Nathanael and *Joanna** Thwing.
 Mar. 29. Elisha, Margaret, Mary and Abigail, children of Jer. and Margaret Hall.
 Apr. 5. Thomas son of Knight and Abigail Leverett.
 Apr. 19. Mary daughter of Samuel and Experience Thorn.
 Apr. 26. Sarah daughter of James and *Hester** Gooch junior.
 May 17. Anna daughter of Elias Dupee.
 Joseph son of Benjamin and Elisabeth Russel.
 June 14. Benjamin son of Briant and *Ruth** Parrot.
 July 5. Joseph son of Joseph and *Rebekah** Lowden.
 July 19. Mary daughter of William and Ruth Lee.
 Aug. 2. Abigail daughter of Benjamin and *Martha** Bunker.
 Aug. 9. Elisabeth daughter of Joseph and *Martha** Cooke.
 Aug. 23. Hepzibah daughter of James and *Hephzibah** Bradford.
 Aug. 30. Abigail daughter of John and *Abigail** Salter.
 Sep. 20. Elisabeth daughter of Thomas and *Abigail** Bradford.
 Oct. 4. Hannah daughter of Nathanael and *Hannah** Balston.
 John son of Samuel Torrey junior.
 Nathanael son of Nathanael Fairfield.
 Rebekah daughter of John and *Dorothy** Marion.
 Abigail daughter of Thomas and *Anne** Foxcroft.
 Oct. 11. Martha daughter of Jonathan and *Martha** Williams junior.

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David son of David and Joanna Fovel.

Sep. 14. John son of John and Mary Lappington.

Sep. 28. Elisabeth and Bathsheba daughters of James and Elisabeth Rogers.

Grace daughter of Joseph and Abigail Webb.

Oct. 6. Deborah daughter of John Daniels.

Mary daughter of Thomas and Abigail* Bradford.

Benjamin son of Matthew Pool.

Nov. 9. Mary daughter of Alexander and Mary* Martyn.

Nov. 16. Joseph son of John and Elisabeth* Wheelwright.

Nov. 23. Sarah daughter of James Day.

Nov. 30. Isaac son of William and Anne* Loring.

Oct. 25. Joshua son of John and Mercy Cornish.

Elisabeth daughter of John and Martha* Orne.

Nov. 1. Rebekah daughter of Isaac and Rebekah* Marion.

Nov. 15. Elisabeth daughter of Matthew and Catharine Adams.

James son of James and Elisabeth Rogers.

Nov. 22. Mary daughter of John and Sarah Bradford.

Margaret daughter of Jer. and Margaret Hall.

Dec. 6. Elisabeth daughter of Benjamin Tenny.

Dec. 20. John son of Matthias and Mary Cussens.

William son of Josiah and Lydia Carter.

Dec. 27. Ruth daughter of Thomas Pierce.

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Jan. 10. William son of John and Hannah Coolege.

Naomi daughter of Samuel and Naomi* Ridgeway.

Jan. 24. James son of Joseph and Elisabeth Gooch.

Samuel son of John and Elisabeth Molds.

Feb. 7. Christian daughter of Isaac and Ellen Fowle.

Feb. 14. Deborah daughter of Byfield and Sarah Lyde.

Feb. 21. Prudence daughter of Joseph and Elisabeth Kneeland.

Mar. 21. Eunice daughter of John and Jane Smalledge.

John son of Nathanael and Mary Roberts.

Mar. 28. John son of Joseph and Hannah Rainger.

John son of John and Mary Harrow.

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Jan. 2. Rebekah daughter of Isaac and Rebeka Marion deceased.

Bethiah daughter of William and Bethiah Torrey.

Tabitha daughter of Nathanael and Abigail Fairfield.

Jan. 9. Benjamin-Chamberlain son of Benjamin and Martha Bunker.

Ann daughter of William and Ann Currier.

Jan. 30. William son of John and Mercy Cornish.

Feb. 27. Abigail daughter of Knight and Abigail Leverett.

Isaac son of Isaac and Ellen Fowle.

Mar. 12. Mary daughter of John and Abigail Coleson.

Mar. 19. Joseph son of John and Sarah Bradford.

Apr. 2. Joseph son of Joseph and Mary Dyar.

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Apr. 4. Josiah son of Christopher and Tabitha Monk.

Joseph son of Alexander and Mary Martyn.

John son of John and Elisabeth Whitney.

Apr. 11. Benjamin son of Joseph Savil.

Apr. 18. Sarah daughter of Henry and Elisabeth Neal.

May 2. Alice daughter of *Abraham and** Sarah Harris.

May 16. William son of John and Susanna Tinkum.

May 23. Esther daughter of Thomas and Eleanor Hartley.

Stephen son of (a Widow) Sarah Peppar.

June 13. John son of James (and Hester) Gooch junior.

William son of William (and Mary) Lackey junior.

June 20. Mehitabel daughter of Henry and Martha Howel.

Mary daughter of Ebenezer and Elisabeth Fisher.

Ann daughter of John and Margaret Rushton.

Benjamin son of Benjamin and Elisabeth Russel.

June 27. John son of John and Sarah Hubbart.

John son of John and Jane McCloud.

John son of James and Sarah Raymer.

Nathanael son of Nathanael and *Joanna** Thwing.

July 11. Rachel daughter of Robert and Rachel Love.

July 18. Prince son of Rose (Colonel Byfield's) Negro Woman.

July 25. Rebekah daughter of Ebenezer (and Rebekah) Williston junior.

Aug. 1. Sarah daughter of Thomas and Sarah Jenkyns.

Aug. 8. Susanna daughter of Edmund and Esther Perkyns.

Apr. 9. Dorothy daughter of John and Dorothy Marion.

Apr. 23. Mary daughter of Peter and [blank]⁹ Stone.

NB. Baptised in Right of its Father, not a Communicant, but has formerly owned the Covenant at the Baptism of a Child before the Church in Milton. This is the first Instance in the old Church of the Baptism of a Child in Right of its immediate Parent, while a Non-Communicant *i.e.* the first of late years at least.

May 21. Rebekah daughter of Joseph and Rebekah Lowden.

May 28. Sarah daughter of Byfield and Sarah Lyde.

June 4. Mary daughter of Jeremiah and Rebekah Allen.

Thomas son of Thomas and Anna Foxcroft.

June 11. Elisabeth daughter of Briant and Ruth Parrott.

June 18. Eunice daughter of Thomas and Eunice Street.

June 24. Abraham son of Benjamin and Elisabeth Russel.

July 9. Margaret daughter of Benjamin and Margaret Dyar.

Timothy son of Joseph and Martha Cooke.

July 23. Daniel son of John and Elisabeth Whitney.

July 30. Anne daughter of William and Anne Scott.

Aug. 6. Mary daughter of William and Mary Lackey.

Aug. 27. Anne daughter of Ichabod and Anne Rogers.

Nathanael son of Nathanael and Mary Roberts.

Sep. 3. Sarah¹ daughter of [blank] Baker.

Sep. 17. Thomas son of Thomas and Hannah Goodwin.

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⁹ ¹ Births not recorded in Town Records.

Elisabeth daughter of John and [Elisabeth]² Daniel.

Aug. 15. John son of John and Abigail Salter.

Aug. 22. James son of James and [Mary]³ Day.

Sep. 5. Abigail daughter of Thomas and Abigail Bradford.

Sep. 26. Ann daughter of Thomas and *Eunice** Campbell.

Oct. 10. John son of Andrew and Mary Cunningham.

Lydia (about a 12 month old) daughter of Lydia Halsup.

Nov. 14. Elisabeth daughter of Charles and Elisabeth Chauncey.

Nov. 21. John son of Josiah and Lydia Carter.

Nov. 28. Elisabeth daughter of Lydia Halsup.

Dec. 12. Nathanael son of Jeremy and Sarah Green.

Abigail daughter of Jeremy and Margaret Hall.

Dec. 19. Sarah daughter of Sendal and *Mehetabel** Williams.

Dec. 26. Sarah daughter of William and *Anne** Loring.

[Blank]⁴ of Samuel Campbell.

Sep. 24. Sarah daughter of Samuel and Lucy Waldo.

Mary daughter of Daniel and Mary Cheever.

Elisabeth daughter of Benjamin and Charity Goldthwait.

Oct. 1. Mary daughter of Ephraim and Martha Fenno.

Dorcas daughter of Joseph and Elisabeth Kneeland.

Oct. 29. William son of Samuel Torrey.

William son of William and Ann Currier.

Nov. 19. John son of Charles and Anna Cabbot.

Dec. 3. James son of James and Hepzibah Bradford.

Dec. 10. Sarah daughter of John and Susanna Tinkum.

John son of John and Martha Orne.

Dec. 24. Thomas son of Thomas and Mary Brooks.

Dec. 31. Hannah daughter of Jonathan and Hannah Wheeler.

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Jan. 7. James son of Edmund and Esther Perkyns.

Jan. 21. Esther daughter of William and Bethiah Torrey.

Esther daughter of Thomas and Eleanor Hartley.

Jan. 28. Mulford son of Cornelius and Sarah Thompson.

Henry Son of Henry and Elisabeth Neal.

Feb. 11. James son of James and Sarah Raymer.

Feb. 18. Jonathan son of John and Hannah Cooledge.

May 26. James son of John and Jane Smalledge.

Elisabeth daughter of Benjamin and Charity Goldthwait.

June 2. David son of John and Abigail Collson.

June 9. Job son of Joseph and Mary Man.

June 16. Charles son of Thomas and Mary Brooks.

June 23. Abigail daughter of John and Sarah Bradford.

Hannah daughter of Joseph and Hannah Rainger.

* Italicized words with asterisks were added later in same hand.

^{2 3} Town Records.

⁴ Births not recorded in Town Records.

Jeremy son of Jeremy and Sarah Green.	July 7. Elisabeth daughter of Ichabod and Ann Rogers.
Feb. 25. Ebenezer son of Ebenezer and Ann Clough.	July 21. Ebenezer son of Nathaniel and Ruth Thayer.
Mar. 4. Mary daughter of Samuel and <i>Naomi*</i> Ridgeway.	Catharine daughter of Thomas and Anna Foxcroft.
Mar. 11. Joseph son of James (and Hester) Gooch junior.	July 29. John son of Joshua and <i>Rachel*</i> Kent.
Mar. 25. Abigail daughter of John and Abigail Collson.	Aug. 18. Samuel son of Knight and Abigail Leverett.
Apr. 1. Lydia daughter of Joseph and Abigail Webb.	John son of William and Bethiah Torry.
Abigail daughter of George and Lydia Haslup.	Aug. 25. John son of Nathanael and <i>Joanna*</i> Thwing.
Apr. 8. Nicholas-Buttolph son of Knight and Abigail Leverett.	Sep. 1. Hezekiah son of (<i>Ebenezer Deceased</i>)* and Susanna Welch.
Apr. 15. James son of Nathanael and Joanna Thwing.	John son of Joseph and Elisabeth Kneeland.
Samuel son of Nathanael and Mary Emmons.	William son of William and Anne Loring.
William son of Nathanael and Mary Emmons.	Charles son of Charles and <i>Anna*</i> Cabbot.
Apr. 22. Ebenezer son of Ebenezer and Susanna Welch.	Sep. 15. Joseph son of Benjamin and Elisabeth Russel.
Apr. 29. Jabez son of John and Abigail Salter.	Joseph son of Joseph and Mary Dyar.
Sarah daughter of Abraham and Sarah Harris.	Oct. 6. Mary daughter of Joseph and Elisabeth Gooch.
Maria daughter of Col. Byfield's Negro Worman Rose.	Jeremiah son of Jeremiah and Margaret Hall.
May 13. David son of Robert and Rachel Love.	Oct. 20. Mary daughter of Seth and Susanna Foster.
May 20. Benjamin son of Benjamin (and Mary) Emmons junior.	Nov. 3. Joseph son of Joseph and Abigail Webb.
July 22. Mary daughter of James and Elisabeth Gerrick.	Nov. 10. Mary daughter of John and <i>Hannah*</i> Coolege.
Bethiah daughter of Isaac and Ellen Fowle.	Nov. 17. John (6 years old) son of Edward and Rebekah Ayers.
July 29. Sarah daughter of William and Elisabeth Fairfield.	John son of Jeremiah and Rebekah Allen.
Aug. 19. John son of Joseph and Elisabeth Gooch.	Nov. 24. Peter son of Peter and [blank] Stone.
Sep. 9. Mary daughter of Ebenezer and Elisabeth Fisher.	William son of William and Ann Currier.
Sep. 23. Sarah daughter of Charles and Elisabeth Chauncey.	Dec. 1. Elisabeth daughter of James and Sarah Raymer.

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Martha daughter of Benjamin and Martha Bunker.
 Sep. 30. Samuel son of Samuel and Mary Campbell.
 Mary daughter of Ebenezer (and Rebekah) Williston junior.
 Oct. 28. Anna daughter of Edward and Anna Tyng.
 Lydia daughter of Josiah and Lydia Carter.
 Nov. 4. Susanna daughter of Samuel and Susanna Hill.
 Abigail daughter of John and Mercy Cornish.
 Nov. 11. Nicholas son of Nicholas and Hepzibath Fessenden.
 Nov. 18. Lydia daughter of John and Sarah Child.
 Dec. 2. Edward son of Joshua and Sarah Blanchard.
 Dec. 16. Michael son of John and Jane McCloud.

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Jan. 13. Sarah daughter of John and Elisabeth Whitney.
 Elisabeth daughter of Samuel and Elisabeth Cravath.
 Jan. 20. Mehetabel daughter of Sendal and Mehetabel Williams.
 Sarah daughter of John and Mary Gould.
 Mary daughter of John and Mary Gould.
 Feb. 10. Samuel son of Joseph and (Rebecca) Lowden junior.
 Feb. 17. Hannah daughter of Mark and [blank] Maylem.
 Sarah daughter of Samuel and Sarah Warden.
 Mar. 3. Martha daughter of James (and Hester) Gooch junior.
 Susanna daughter of John and Susanna Tinkum.

Benjamin son of Jonathan and Hannah Wheeler.
 Dec. 15. Eleasar son of Christopher and Tabitha Monk.
 John son of Henry and Elisabeth Neal.

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Jan. 12. Elisabeth daughter of Samuel and Naomi Ridgeway.
 Ebenezer son of Samuel and Silence Torry.
 Nicholas son of Nicholas and Hepzibah Fessenden.
 John-White son of Nathanael and Mary Roberts.
 Jan. 26. Edward son of Edward and Anna Tyng.
 Sarah daughter of Thomas and Sarah Williston.
 Feb. 2. Thomas son of Thomas and Ann Ethridge.
 Mar. 1. Samuel son of Samuel and Hannah Watts.
 Mar. 16. Mary daughter of John and Susanna Tinkum.
 Mar. 23. [Blank]⁵ son of John and Margaret Rushton.
 [Blank]⁶ daughter of Thomas and Eleanor Hartley.
 [Blank]⁷ son of Joseph and Mary Tarbox.
 Mar. 30. Elisabeth daughter of Robert and Rachel Love.
 Apr. [Ebenezer]⁸ of Ebenezer (and Rebekah) Williston.
 May 4. Hannah daughter of Josiah and Lydia Carter.
 May 11. Samuel son of Edmund and Esther Perkyns.
 Alexander son of Samuel and Mary* Campbell.
 May 18. Nathanael-Byfield son of Byfield and Sarah Lyde.

* Italicized words with asterisks were added later in same hand.

⁵ ⁶ ⁷ Not in Town Records.

⁸ Ebenezer, son of Ebenezer and Rebekah Williston, born April 14, 1735 (Town Records).

Mar. 17. [Blank] daughter of Thomas and Mary Jenkyns.

Mar. 24. Thomas son of Thomas (deceased) and Eunice Street.

Mar. 31. Hannah daughter of William and Mary Lackey.

Apr. 7. Benjamin son of Benjamin and Mary Frothingham.

Apr. 21. Mary daughter of John and [blank] Holt.

James son of Alexander and Mary Martyn.

James son of John and *Martha** Orne.

Elisabeth daughter of James and Elisabeth Rogers.

May 12. Elisabeth daughter of Byfield and Sarah Lyde.

May 13. Joseph son of Ephraim and Martha Fenno.

Mary daughter of Cornelius and Sarah Thompson.

May 25. Abigail daughter of Thomas and *Hannah** Goodwin.

Abigail daughter of Benjamin and Martha Bunker.

Samuel son of David and Joanna McKlaine.

June 1. John son of John and Abigail Collson.

Deborah daughter of Adam and Deborah Montgomery.

June 8. Sarah daughter of Daniel and *Mary** Cheever.

June 15. Joseph son of Joseph and Rebekah Lowden.

William son of Nathanael and Mary Emmons.

June 22. Hannah daughter of Isaac and Ellin Fowle.

July 6. Mary daughter of Joshua and Sarah Blanchard.

James son of John and Mercy Cornish.

William and Mary twins of Abraham and Sarah Harris.

July 13. Samuel son of Samuel and Elisabeth Cravath.

Aug. 10. John son of Joseph and Martha Cooke.

[324] Aug. 17. John son of John (deceased) and Sarah Bradford.

Aug. 24. Thomas son of William and Mary Lackey.

Aug. 31. Ralph-Gulston son of Samuel and Lucy Waldoe.

Lucretia daughter of *Nahum** and Lydia Ward.

Sarah (or Mary)* daughter of [blank].

Sep. 7. John son of John and Rachel Frie.

Oct. 25. Joseph son of Joseph and Hester Gooch.

Nov. 9. Penn-Townsend son of William and Sarah Hickling.

Oct. 3. Sarah daughter of James and Sarah Raymer.

Mehetabel daughter of John and Sarah Parker.

Oct. 31. Benjamin, John, Solomon, Martha, Rebekah, and Deborah, children of Benjamin and Rebekah Small-edge.

Nov. 7. Martha daughter of John (*and Martha*)* Orne deceased.

Nov. 28. Nathanael son of Benjamin and Mary Frothingham.

Benjamin-Swain son of Seth and Susanna Foster.

Dec. 5. John son of Joseph and Rebekah Lowden.

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Rachel daughter of Joshua and Rachel Kent.

Nov. 16. Elisabeth daughter of Michael and Abigail Lowell.

Nov. 30. Lydia daughter of John and Hannah Coolege.

Dec. 7. Sarah daughter of Joseph and Elisabeth Gooch.

Dec. 14. Ebenezer son of Waffe and Elisabeth Rand.

Samuel son of Thomas and Anna Foxcroft.

Dec. 28. Meriel daughter of Matthew and Meriel Adams.

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Jan. 11. Benjamin son of Nathanael and Joanna* Thwing.

Isaac son of John and Elisabeth Whitney.

Jan. 18. John son of William and Ann Currier.

Jan. 25. John son of Richard and Abigail Kerby.

Feb. 1. Miriam⁹ daughter of Thomas and Eunice Campbell.

Feb. 22. Samuel son of Joseph and Elisabeth* Kneeland.

Feb. 29. Deborah daughter of Joseph and Abigail Webb.

Joseph and Benjamin twin sons of William and Bethiah* Torrey.

Joanna daughter of Thomas and Joanna Raymond.

Mar. 14. John son of John and Thankful Butler.

Mar. 28. Thomas son of Joseph and Margaret Savil.

Apr. 4. Jonathan son of Benjamin and Martha Bunker.

Apr. 18. Susanna daughter of Benjamin and Elisabeth Russel.

Deborah daughter of Thomas and Mary Jenkyns.

Anna daughter of Charles and Anna Cabbot.

Mary daughter of Nathanael and Mary Emmons.

Dec. 26. Abigail daughter of Michael and Abigail Lowell.

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Jan. 2. Abraham son of Abraham and Sarah Harris.

Feb. 6. John son of Thomas and Eleanor Hartley.

Thomas son of Nathanael and Mary Roberts.

Uriah son of David and Joanna Mc-Clain.

Mar. 6. Elisabeth daughter of Samuel and Elisabeth Eliot.

Mar. 20. Agnes daughter of Robert and Rachel Love.

Jonathan son of Jonathan and Hannah Wheeler.

Mar. 27. Samuel son of Isaac and Ellen Fowle.

Apr. 10. Edward son of William and Ann Currier.

Apr. 17. John son of Joseph and Elisabeth Gooch.

Abigail daughter of Samuel and Silence Torrey.

Samuel son of John and Rachel Frie.

May 8. Ambrose son of Josiah and Lydia Carter.

Sarah daughter of Nathaniel and Joanna Thwing.

May 15. Mary daughter of Byfield and Sarah Lyde.

John son of Benjamin and Elisabeth Russel.

Hannah daughter of Thomas and Hannah Goodwin.

June 5. Sarah daughter of Samuel and Naomi Ridgeway.

June 12. Catharine daughter of Nathanael and Ruth Thayer.

June 19. Grace daughter of Joseph and Abigail Webb.

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⁹ Changed from *Meriel* in same hand but different ink.

May 2. John son of Thomas and Mary Brooks.
 Elisabeth daughter of Samuel and Rebekah Hill.
 Nathanael son of Nathanael and Ruth Thayer.
 May 16. James son of James and Hephzibah Bradford.
 May 30. Edward son of Byfield and Sarah Lyde.
 June 13. Abigail daughter of Thomas and Ann Ethridge.
 June 20. Moses son of John and Abigail Collson.
 William son of William and *Anne** Loring.
 June 27. Ann daughter of William and Elisabeth Fairfield.
 July. None.
 Aug. 1. Thomas son of Reverend Josiah¹ (and Susanna) Cotton.
 Aug. 8. Jonathan son of Edward and Anne Tyng.
 Aug. 29. Nathanael son of Joseph and Mary Tarbox.
 Sep. 5. Thomas son of Thomas and Elisabeth Valentine.
 Samuel son of Samuel and Hannah Ruggles.
 Sep. 26. George son of John and Jane Smalledge.
 William son of John and Susannah Tinkum.

Rebekah daughter of Ebenezer and Rebekah Coburn.
 Elisabeth daughter of Henry (deceased) and Elisabeth Neal.
 John son of John and Hannah Goffe.
 June 26. Ebenezer son of Moses and [Lydia]² Mackintosh.
 July 3. Samuel son of Samuel and Sarah Service.
 Wharton son of Joshua and Hannah Hill.
 July 24. Abigail daughter of John and Abigail Collson.
 Mary daughter of William and Bethiah Torry.
 [Blank] of [Blank].
 July 31. Susanna daughter of Edmund and Esther Perkyns.
 Elisabeth daughter of John and Elisabeth Whitney.
 Aug. 21. William son of Edward and Anne Tyng.
 Susanna daughter of Jonathan and Susanna Vickery.
 Mary daughter of Nicholas and Hephzibah Fessenden.
 Susanna daughter of John and Thankful Butler.
 Dorcas daughter of Peter and [blank] Stone.
 Sep. 25. John son of James and Elisabeth Gerrick.
 John son of John (and Jane) Child junior.
 Oct. 9. Francis son of Thomas and Anne Foxcroft.
 Lydia daughter of John and Hannah Cooleedge.
 Nov. 6. Francis son of John and Susanna Tinkum.
 Nov. 13. Ebenezer son of Joseph and Elisabeth Kneeland.
 Nov. 20. Abigail daughter of Joseph and Martha Cooke.

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¹ Minister, Providence, R. I., 1728-1747; Woburn, Mass., 1747-1756; Landown, N. H., 1759-1780.

² Town Records.

Dec. 4. Richard-Brooks son of Nathanael and Mary Emmons.
 Elisabeth daughter of Matthew (and Elisabeth Deceased) Blair.
 Dec. 25. John son of James and Sarah Raymer.

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Jan. 1. John son of William and Elisabeth Fairfield.
 Aaron son of Charles and Anna Cabbot.
 Samuel son of Nathanael and Abigail Fairfield.
 Jan. 8. Hannah daughter of Bryant and Ruth Parrott.
 Ann daughter of William and Sarah Hickling.
 Mary daughter of Ebenezer (and Rebekah) Williston Junior.
 Susanna daughter of Seth and Susanna Foster.
 Elisabeth daughter of Philip and Elisabeth Jones.
 Feb. 5. Samuel of Richard and Abigail Kerby.
 Feb. 12. Mary daughter of Joshua and Sarah Blanchard.
 Mary daughter of Joseph and Rebekah Lowden.
 Mar. 5. Isaac son of Isaac and Ellen Fowle.
 Michael son of Michael and Abigail Lowell.
 Apr. 2. John-Howard son of Josiah and Sarah Winslow.
 Apr. 9. Thomas son of Thomas and Mary Jenkyns.
 Apr. 16. Sarah daughter of Ebenezer and Mary Lowell.
 Esther daughter of Benjamin and Mary Frothingham.
 Apr. 23. Sarah daughter of [blank]³ and Rebekah Smalledge.

July 1. Hannah daughter of James and Hannah Lowden.
 July 15. Abigail daughter of James and Hephzibah Bradford.
 July 22. Samuel son of Samuel and Hannah Brown.
 Thomas son of Nicholas and Hephzibah Fessenden.
 Aug. 5. Anne daughter of James and Sarah Raymer.
 Aug. 19. Jonathan son of Jonathan and Susanna Vickery.
 Elisabeth daughter of Charles and Anne Harrison.
 Sarah daughter of Jeffs and Martha Johnson.
 Aug. 26. Thomas son of John and Rachel Frie.
 Samuel son of Samuel and Elisabeth Eliot.
 Sep. 9. Ebenezer son of Samuel and Naomi Ridgeway.
 Mary daughter of John and Abigail Collson.
 Sep. 23. Sarah daughter of William and Sarah Hickling.
 Oct. 7. Jonathan son of Byfield and Sarah Lyde.
 Oct. 14. Rebekah daughter of William and Rebekah Allen.
 Oct. 28. Hannah daughter of Joshua and Hannah Hill.
 Nov. 18. Theophilus son of Josiah and Sarah Winslow.
 Mary daughter of Isaac and Ellen Fowle.
 Dec. 2. Joseph son of Nathanael and Abigail Fairfield.

³ Birth not in Town Records.

May 14. Thomas son of Benjamin and Elisabeth Russel.
 Thomas son of Amos and Hannah Hovey.
 May 21. Thomas son of Thomas and Anne Ethridge.
 May 28. John son of Samuel and Hannah Ruggles.
 June 18. Elisabeth daughter of Joshua and Hannah Hill.
 July 2. Hannah daughter of Samuel and Hannah Browne.
 July 9. John son of John (*and Content*)* Buttolph junior.
 Thomas son of Thomas and Abigail Foster.
 Aug. 6. Mary daughter of William (Deceased) and Anne Loring.
 Adam son of John and Abigail Collson.
 Aug. 27. Francis-Brinno son of John and Elisabeth Whitney.
 Samuel son of Samuel and Elisabeth Eliot.
 Sep. 3. Joseph son of John and Mercy Cornish.
 Oct. 8. Anne daughter of Thomas and Sarah Williston.
 Oct. 22. Thomas son of Thomas and Joanna Raymond.
 Dec. 3. Elisabeth daughter of Josiah and Lydia Carter.
 Joanna daughter of Nathanael and Joanna Thwing.
 Dec. 10. Elisabeth daughter of Nathanael and Mary Roberts.
 Dec. 31. Mary daughter of Nathan and Lydia Safford.

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Jan. 7. Andrew son of John and Susanna Tinkum.
 Jan. 21. Sarah daughter of Ebenezer and Rebekah Coburn.
 Feb. 4. Elisha son of Joseph and Abigail Webb.

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* Birth not in Town Records.

Joseph son of John and Jane* Child junior.
 Dec. 9. Walter son of John and Jane Smalledge.
 Dec. 16. Mary daughter of Edward and Dorothy Jackson.
 Richard son of Richard and Margery Cotta.

1740

January. No Baptisms this Month.
 Feb. 3. Francis-Brinno son of John and Elisabeth Whitney.
 Feb. 10. Thankful daughter of John and Thankful Butler.
 Feb. 17. John son of John and [blank]⁴ Roulestone jr.
 Mar. 2. Thomas son of Nathan and Lydia Safford.
 Rebekah daughter of Joseph and Rebekah Lowden.
 Mar. 16. John son of Michael and Abigail Lowell.
 Mar. 30. Mehatabel daughter of John and Content Buttolph.
 Elisabeth daughter of Ebenezer (and Elisabeth) Williston junior.
 Apr. 27. Elisabeth daughter of John and Susanna Tinkum.
 May 11. Sarah daughter of Benjamin and Sarah Marshall.
 May 18. William son of Nathanael and Joanna Thwing.
 May 25. Philip Son of Philip and Elisabeth Jones.
 June 8. Matthew son of Matthew and Mary Blair.
 June 22. Elisabeth daughter of Benjamin and Elisabeth Russel.
 Ebenezer son of Ebenezer and Rebekah Coburn.
 June 29. William son of Joseph and Abigail Webb.
 Joseph son of Samuel and Hannah Ruggles.

Samuel son of Thomas and Eleanor Hartley.

Nathanael son of Nathanael and Ruth Thayer.

Alexander son of David and Joanna McKlaine.

Feb. 11. Samuel son of William and *Bethiah*⁵ Torrey.

Feb. 18. Deliverance daughter of William and Anne Currier.

Mar. 4. Anna daughter of Nathanael and Mary Emmons.

Mar. 11. Thomas son of Benjamin and [Mary]⁵ Emmons junior.

Susanna daughter of [blank] and Experience Combes.

Apr. 1. Hannah daughter of Seth and Susanna Foster.

Apr. 8. Hannah daughter of Thomas and Hannah Goodwine.

Apr. 15. [Blank.]⁶

May 6. Jeremiah son of Benjamin and Elisabeth Russel.

June 3. Jane daughter of Robert and Rachel Love.

June 10. Mary daughter of Briant and Ruth Parrott.

[326] Aug. 3. William son of William and Anne Currier.

Aug. 10. Jonathan son of William and *Bethiah* Torrey.

Aug. 31. James son (14 \AA Etat.) of William (deceased) and Lydia Browne.

Margaret daughter (\AA Et. 9) of William (deceased) and Lydia Browne.

Sep. 14. Joseph son of Samuel and Silence Torrey.

Solomon son of Solomon and Anna Hearsey.

Sep. 21. Mehetabel daughter of Thomas and Anna Foxcroft.

Benjamin son of Abraham and Sarah Harris.

July 6. David son of David and Elizabeth Morgan.

July 13. Nathanael son of Jonathan and *Hannah*⁵ Wheeler.

William son of William and Elisabeth Snowden.

Jane daughter of Joshua and Rachel Kent.

July 27. Nathanael son of Nathanael (deceased) and Mary Emmons.

Dec. 13. Mary daughter of Samuel and Maria Sarvice.

Dec. 27. John son of John and Martha Acres.

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Jan. 3. George son of Byfield and Sarah Lyde.

Jan. 10. Mary daughter of Josiah and Mary Fessenden.

Jan. 24. Hannah daughter of Samuel and Hannah Brown.

Benjamin son of Benjamin and Susanna Salt.

* Italicized words with asterisks were added later in same hand.

⁵ Thomas, son of Benjamin and Mary Emmons, born March 6, 1738 (Town Records).

⁶ Two baptisms seem to have been indicated here.

Mary daughter of Thomas and Elea- nor Hartley.	Jan. 31. Ebenezer son of William and Bethia Torrey.
Oct. 12. Maria daughter of Samuel and Maria Service.	Feb. 16. Jane daughter of James and Mary Johnson.
Oct. 26. Joseph son of Thomas and Joanna Raymond.	Feb. 28. William son of Amos and Han- nah Hovey.
Nov. 3. Samuel son of John and [Eliza- beth] ⁷ Daniel.	Jonathan son of Jonathan and Han- nah Wheeler.
Nov. 30. Jonathan son of Sendal and Elisabeth Williams.	Mar. 7. Alexander son of Ebenezer (de- ceased) and Elisabeth Williston.
December. None.	Mar. 14. Sarah daughter of William and Anne Currier.

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Jan. 18. David son of John and Abigail Collson.	Mar. 21. Mary daughter of James and Sarah Raymer.
Jan. 25. Ebenezer son of Thomas and Sarah Williston.	Jacob son of Sendal and Elisabeth Williams.
Feb. 1. William son of Thomas and Anne Ethridge.	Mar. 28. Thornton son of Jeffs and Martha Johnson.
Feb. 8. Susanna daughter of William and Sarah Hickling.	Susanna daughter of Nehemiah and Hannah Wilkins.
Feb. 22. Mary daughter of Ebeneser and Mary Lowell.	Apr. 4. Nehemiah son of Joseph and Abigail Webb.
Mar. 1. Sarah daughter of Charles and Anne Harrison.	Benjamin son of Cornelius and Sarah Thompson.
Mar. 8. Samuel son of Jeffs and Martha Johnson.	Apr. 18. William son of John and Abi- gail Collson.
Mar. 15. Nathanael son of John (and Jane) Child junior.	John son of James and Hannah Hub- bart.
Apr. 5. Mary daughter of Thomas and Mary Brooks.	May. None.
Ruth daughter of Samuel and Elisa- beth Eliot.	June 6. John son of William and Elisa- beth Snowden.
Apr. 26. Joanna daughter of Nathanael and Mary Roberts.	Content daughter of John and Con- tent Buttolph.
Cyrus and Prince, children of Mr Thomas Salter's Negro Woman Flora.	June 27. Jeremy son of Jeremy and Elisabeth Allen.
May 3. Hephzibah daughter of Nicholas and Hephzibah Fessenden.	Deborah daughter of Josiah and Lydia Carter.
May 31. Williams son of James (de- ceased) and Hephzibah Bradford.	July 4. John son of Charles and Elisa- beth Dabney.
June 7. Mary daughter of Edward and Anne Tyng.	Aug. 1. Sarah daughter of Thomas and Joanna Raymer.
Nathanael son of Isaac and Ellen Fowle.	Aug. 8. Mary daughter of Joseph and Elisabeth Kneeland.
Susanna daughter of John and Elisa- beth Whitney.	Ruth daughter of Nathanael and Ruth Thayer.
	Aug. 15. William son of Thomas and Mary Brooks.

⁷ Samuel, son of John and Elizabeth Daniel, born Oct. 31, 1740 (Town Records).

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June 21. Joanna daughter of Nathanael and Joanna Thwing.

June 28. Robert son of Robert and Rachel Love.

July 12. Richard son of Richard and Margery Cotta.

David son of David and Joanna McLane.

July 19. William son of William and Abigail Allen.

July 26. Thomas son of Joseph (and Rebekah) Lowden junior.

Aug. 16. Susanna daughter of Benjamin and Elisabeth Russel.

Aug. 30. Dorothy daughter of *Josiah** and Martha Coxe.

Sep. 20. Ebenezer son of Ebenezer and Rebekah Coburn.

Sep. 27. Abigail daughter of James and Hannah Lowden.

Oct. 4. Ruth daughter of *Benjamin and Rebekah** Smalledge.

Oct. 11. Lydia daughter of Nathan and Lydia Safford.

Oct. 18. William son of Samuel and Rebekah Patridge.

Oct. 25. Elisabeth (6 years old) daughter of Elisabeth Nicholson.

Nov. 8. Mercy daughter of [Blank].⁸
Eleanor daughter of Thomas and Eleanor Hartley.

Elisabeth daughter of John and Hannah Lee.

Sep. 12. Abigail daughter of Benjamin and Elisabeth Russel.

Oct. 10. Peter son of Richard and Margery Cotta.

Nov. 7. Joshua-Snowden son of Benjamin (and Sarah) Emmons junior.

Matthew son of John and Thankful Butler.

Dec. 5. Daniel son of Nathanael and Joanna Thwing.

Catharine daughter of Robert and Rachel Love.

Sarah daughter of Samuel and Maria Sarvice.

1743

Jan. 9. William son of Samuel and Hannah Ruggles.

Jan. 16. Richard son of Israel and Susanna Ellingwood.

Jan. 23. Ebenezer son of Isaac and Ellen Fowle.

Jan. 30. Thomas son of John and Elisabeth Whitney.

Feb. 27. Sarah daughter of [blank]⁹ Child.

Mar. 27. Mary daughter of Nathanael and Mary Peck.

Apr. 24. Samuel son of Benjamin and Jane Gleason.

May 8. Joseph son of Thomas and Sarah Williston.

May 22. Abigail daughter of Jonathan and Susanna Vickery.

[327] May 29. Andrew son of Samuel and Elisabeth Eliot.

Susanna daughter of Ebenezer and Rebekah Coburn.

June 5. Jonathan son of Edward and Dorothy Jackson.

Ebenezer son of Ebenezer and Hannah Wilde.

Oct. 7. Anne daughter of John and Anne Belcher.

Nov. 4. Edward son of Edward and Dorothy Jackson.

William son of Jeremiah and Elisabeth Allen.

Nov. 25. Joseph son of Adam and Deborah Montgomery.

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⁸ The only Mercy recorded in the Town Records for 1741 is Mercy, daughter of John and Mercy Scolley, Sept. 11, 1741.

⁹ Birth not in Town Records.

June 19. William son of Samuel and Hannah Browne.
 Josiah son of Josiah and Martha Coxe.
 July 3. James son of Charles and Mary Deming.
 July 10. Thomas son of Nathanael and Mary Roberts.
 July 24. Mary daughter of William and Bethia Torrey.
 July 31. Persis daughter of Joseph and Abigail Webb.
 William son of John and Rachel Frie.
 Aug. 7. Stephen son of Josiah and Mary Fessenden.
 Aug. 25. Abigail daughter of Joseph (and Rebekah) Lowden junior.
 Oct. 2. Christopher-Bridge son of Daniel and Martha Marsh.
 Oct. 9. Elisabeth daughter of James and Hannah Hubbard.
 Oct. 16. John-Foster son of Sendal and Elisabeth Williams.
 Oct. 23. Andrew son of Byfield and Sarah Lyde.
 Oct. 30. Elisabeth daughter of Benjamin (and Sarah) Emmons junior.
 November. None.
 Dec. 4. Hannah daughter of John and Abigail Collson.
 Dec. 25. Ebenezer son of Thomas and Eleanor Hartly.

1744

Jan. 1. Lydia daughter of Nathanael and Ruth Thayer.
 Feb. 5. Bethany daughter of Benjamin and Rebecca Smalledge.
 Abigail daughter of Isaac and Ellin Fowle.
 Feb. 12. William son of Nehemiah and Hannah Wilkins.
 Lydia daughter of Samuel and Rebecca Patridge.

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¹ Birth not in Town Records.

1745

Dec. 9. Thomas son of Matthew and Mary Blair.
 Dec. 16. Andrew son of John and Abigail Collson.

Jan. 6. Josiah son of Josiah and Mary Fessenden.
 Jan. 13. Ebenezer son of Ebenezer and Rebekah Coburn.
 John son of Shrimpton and Jane Hunt.
 Jan. 20. Thomas son of James and Anna Hubbard.
 Jan. 27. Sarah daughter of Samuel and Elisabeth Eliot.
 Mary daughter of William and Anne Currier.
 Feb. 17. Samuel son of Joseph and Rebekah Lowden.
 Mar. 10. Elisabeth daughter of Jonathan and Hannah Wheeler.
 Mar. 17. Samuel son of John and Thankful Butler.
 Mar. 24. Margaret daughter of Benjamin and Susanna Sault.
 Apr. 7. Jane daughter of Robert and Rachel Love.
 Samuel son of Nathanael and Mary Peck.
 Apr. 14. Joseph son of Jonathan and Elisabeth* Cary.

Apr. 28. Mary daughter of Joseph and Mary* Russel.

May 5. Bethiah daughter of Richard and Margery Cotta.
 June 2. John son of John and Thankful Williston.
 June 9. Mary¹ daughter of Mary Harman (quondam Johnson).
 June 23. James son of James and Martha Topp.
 July 7. Hannah daughter of William and Freelove Everden.

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Feb. 26. Hannah daughter of James and Sarah Raymer.

Mar. 11. Philip son of Samuel and Naomi Ridgeway.

Mar. 25. Samuel-Turell son of Josiah and Lydia Carter.

Apr. 1. Joseph son of John and Elisabeth Wheelwright.

Mary daughter of Charles and Elisabeth Dabney.

Thankful daughter of John and Thankful Butler.

Apr. 8. Susanna daughter of Israel and Susanna Ellingwood.

Apr. 29. Ezekiel son of Benjamin and Elisabeth Russel.

May 2. [Blank].²

June 3. Samuel son of Nathanael and Joanna Thwing.

NB. This Day at 20 Min. after 11 A.M. there was a considerable Shock of an Earthquake, which produced a great Conternation and Commotion in our Congregation and others—May the awful Providence be sanctified to all of us!

July 15. Joseph son of John (and Jane) Child junior.

July 22. Mary daughter of Thomas and Mary Brooks.

Hannah daughter of Ebenezer and Hannah Wilde.

July 29. Benjamin son of Benjamin and Elisabeth Austin.

Aug. 19. Elisabeth daughter of Ebenezer and Mary Lowell.

Freelove daughter of William and Freelove Everden.

Sep. 2. William son of Amos and Hannah Hovey.

Sep. 9. John son of John and Content Buttolph.

Sep. 16. Thomas son of Thomas and Anne Ethridge.

Sep. 30. William son of John and Elisabeth Whitney.

July 21. [Blank]³ of Josiah and Hannah Quincy.

Hannah daughter of Samuel and Hannah Ruggles.

Joseph son of Phillips and Mehetabel Chamberlain.

July 28. Rebekah daughter of Samuel and Rebekah Patridge.

Aug. 18. Mary-Andrews daughter of Josiah and Martha Coxe.

Aug. 25. Thomas son of Thomas and Sarah Williston.

Sep. 8. Elisabeth daughter of Charles and Mary Deming.

Sep. 22. Ralph son of Israel and Susanna Ellingwood.

Oct. 27. Susanna daughter of James and Sarah Raymer.

Nov. 10. John son of Rebecca Hall.

Nov. 17. John son of Philip and Elisabeth Jones.

Abigail daughter of William and Bethia Torrey.

Dec. 1. Deborah daughter of Nathanael and Ruth Thayer.

Dec. 8. Mehetabel daughter of William and Elisabeth Snowden.

Dec. 29. Martha daughter of Sendal and Elisabeth Williams.

² Perhaps no baptism actually took place on this date.

³ Birth not in Town Records.

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Jan. 13. Nathanael son of Charles and Elisabeth Dabney.
 Feb. 2. Sarah daughter of John (and Jane) Child junior.
 Mar. 3. Ebenezer son of Ebenezer and Hannah Wilde.
 Mar. 16. John son of Joseph and Abigail Webb.
 Mar. 23. Nathanael son of Benjamin and Elisabeth Russel.
 Apr. 6. Sarah daughter of Joseph and Elisabeth Kneeland.
 Apr. 20. Joseph son of Joseph and Eleanor Kidder.
 May 4. Benjamin son of Benjamin and Elisabeth Austin.
 May 18. Mary daughter of Josiah and Lydia Carter.
 Priscilla daughter of William and Rebekah Allen.
 May 25. Mary daughter of Jabez and Hannah Hunt.
 June 29. Bethiah daughter of Isaac and Ellen Fowle.
 Aug. 24. Joshua son of Joshua (and Elisabeth) Blanchard junior.
 Aug. 30. Philip son of Philip and Margaret Cobbet.
 David son of a Negro Man named Caesar (late Mr Daniel's).
 Sep. 28. Nathanael son of Nathanael and Mary Peck.
 Oct. 5. Benjamin son of Samuel and Naomi Ridgeway.
 Nov. 16. Mary daughter of Jeremiah and Elisabeth Allen.
 Martha daughter of Nathanael and Joanna Thwing.
 Elisabeth daughter of Ebenezer and Mary Lowell.
 Rebekah daughter of Shrimpton and Jane Hunt.
 Nov. 23. Elisabeth daughter of Jonathan and Elisabeth Cary.
 Nov. 30. Aaron son of William and Anna Currier.
 Dec. 21. Sarah daughter of Ebenezer and Rebekah Coburn.

September. None.

Oct. 18. Caesar son of Captain Henderson's Negro Man (late Mr Daniel's) Caesar.

Nov. 22. Othniel son of Othniel and Sarah Tarr.

Dec. 22. Jonathan-Loring son of Benjamin and Elisabeth Austin.

1748

Jan. 31. John son of John and Anne Belcher.
 Feb. 14. Sarah daughter of Josiah and Lydia Carter.
 Mar. 13. Ann daughter of Richard and Margery Cotta.
 Apr. 3. Edward son of Edward and Dorothy Jackson.
 Apr. 10. Mary daughter of Adam and Deborah Montgomery.
 May 15. Nathanael son of Nathanael and Mary Peck.
 May 22. Sarah daughter of Jonathan and Elisabeth Cary.
 William son of William and Freelove Everden.
 June 12. Jane daughter of John and Jane Child.
 July. None.
 Aug. 14. Sarah daughter of Waffe and Elisabeth Rand.
 Sep. 4. Margaret daughter of Shrimpton and Jane Hunt.
 Sep. 11. Nathanael son of Charles and Elisabeth Dabney.
 Oct. 2. Sarah daughter of Joshua (and Elisabeth) Blanchard junior.
 John son of John and Elisabeth Shepard.
 Oct. 30. Israel son of Israel and Susanna Ellingwood.
 November. None.
 Dec. 11. James son of William Blair and Mary Townsend.

1749

Jan. 15. Anna daughter of Michael and Abigail Lowell.
 John son of John and Mary Rogers.

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Jan. 4. Rachel daughter of John and Rachel Frie.
Jan. 18. Thomas son of Phillips and Mehitabel Chamberlain.
Jan. 25. Elisha son of John and Elisabeth Whitney.
Feb. 1. Anna daughter of Thomas and Elenor Hartley.
Feb. 15. Robert son of Samuel and Hannah Ruggles.
Mar. 1. Abraham son of Benjamin and Susanna Sault.
Sarah daughter of William and Free-love Everden.
Mar. 15. John son of John and Mary Rogers.
Mar. 22. Sarah daughter of Miles and Deborah Whitworth.
Apr. 12. Abigail daughter of Michael and Abigail Lowell.
Jonathan son of Thomas and Anne Ethridge.
May 10. Mercy daughter of James and Martha Topp.
May 17. Joseph son of Josiah and Martha Coxe.
June 14. Mary daughter of John and Thankful Butler.
June 21. Samuel son of Joshua (*and Elisabeth*)* Blanchard junior.
July 5. John son of John *and Elisabeth** Shepard.
July 12. Elisabeth daughter of Samuel and Rebekah Patridge.
July 19. Ellen daughter of Isaac and Ellen Fowle.
Aug. 16. Mary daughter of Sendal and Elisabeth Williams.
Aug. 23. Ichabod son of Thomas and Sarah Williston.
Nathanael son of Joseph and Eleanor Kidder.
Aug. 30. Sarah daughter of Israel and Susanna Ellingwood.

Feb. 12. Edward son of Caesar (a Negro man) and Venus his Wife.
Feb. 19. Mercy daughter of John and Rachel Frie.
March. None.
Apr. 23. Sarah daughter of Othniel and Sarah Tarr.
May 7. Mary daughter of John and Content Buttolph.
May 21. John son of Isaac and Sarah Duffin.
May 28. Anne daughter of Thomas and Anne Ethridge.
June 11. Samuel daughter* of Samuel and Rebekah Patridge.
June 25. Rebekah daughter of Benjamin and Elisabeth Austin.
July 2. Sarah daughter of Samuel and Hannah Ruggles.
July 9. Hannah daughter of Jeremy and Sarah Green.
Elisabeth daughter of John and Mary Whitney.
July 16. Matthew son of Matthew and Hannah Pool.
July 30. Lydia daughter of Obadiah and Faith Cookson.
Aug. 13. Elisabeth daughter of Thomas and Sarah Clark.

* Italicized words with asterisks were added later in same hand.

⁴ i.e. *son*.

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Aug. 20. Elisabeth and Mary twins of Thomas and Sarah Williston.
 Aug. 27. John-Montague son of James and Martha Topp.
 Sep. 3. Lucy daughter of Josiah and Lydia Carter.
 Sep. 10. Elisabeth-Crocker daughter of Benjamin and Deborah Allen.
 Sep. 24. John son of Richard and Susanna Woodward.
 Oct. 22. Elisabeth daughter of Joshua (and Elisabeth) Blanchard junior.
 Martha daughter of Samuel and Mary Austin.
 Oct. 29. Joseph son of John and Jane Child.
 Nov. 19. Joseph son of Joseph and Lydia Russel.
 Dec. 10. Benjamin son of Nathanael and Mary Peck.

1750

Jan. 7. Thomas son of Joseph and Elisabeth Savil.
 February. None.
 Mar. 4. Venus daughter of Mr Henderson's (*lately Mr Daniel's*)* Neogroman Caesar.
 Mar. 11. Sarah daughter of William and Freelove Everden.
 Mar. 25. Samuel son of William and Anne Currier.
 Othniel son of Othniel and Sarah Tarr.
 Apr. 1. Hannah and Elisabeth daughters of James and Elisabeth Rickard.
 May. None.
 June 17. Jonathan son of Jonathan and Elisabeth Cary.
 July. None.
 August. None.
 Sep. 1. Jeremiah son of Jeremiah (Deceased) and Elisabeth Allen.
 Oct. 14. Mary⁵ daughter of William Blair and Mary Townsend.

1751

Jan. 20. Shrimpton son of Shrimpton and Jane Hunt.
 Mary daughter of Michael and Abigail Lowell.
 Feb. 10. Nathanael son of Jeremy and Sarah Green.
 Feb. 17. James son of Benjamin and Deborah Allen.
 Mar. 3. William son of John and Rachel Frie.
 Mar. 17. Elisabeth daughter of Thomas and Ruth Rand.
 Mar. 24. Nathanael son of Thomas and Anne Ethridge.
 Mar. 31. William son of Philip and Elisabeth Jones.
 Apr. 7. Joshua son of Joshua and Elisabeth Blanchard.
 Apr. 14. Jonathan-Williams son of Samuel and Mary Austin.
 William son of William and Freelove Everden.
 Apr. 28. Ruth daughter of Simon and Ruth Tuffs.
 May. None.
 May 2. *Rickard.**
 June. None.
 July 14. Thomas son of Samuel and Hannah Ruggles.
 Aug. 11. Edward son of Phillips and Mehetabel Chamberlain.
 Aug. 18. Samuel son of Samuel and Rebekah Partridge.
 Aug. 25. Ebenezer son of Ebenezer and Elisabeth Stevens.
 Sep. 1. Benjamin son of John and Jane Child.
 Sep. 15. Rebecca daughter of Joseph and Rebecca Whitcomb.
 Oct. 20. William son of William and Anne Currier.
 Nov. 3. Elisha son of John and Mary Whitney.
 Nov. 17. Elisabeth daughter of John and Elisabeth Shepard.

* Italicized words with asterisks were added later in same hand.

⁵ *William, son* is struck out; *Mary, daughter* added in different ink but by same hand.

Thomas son of James and Anna Hub-
bart.

Mary daughter of Thomas and Elea-
nor Kidder.

Oct. 21. Benjamin son of Benjamin and
Elisabeth Austin.

Mary daughter of Nathanael and
Martha Thwing.

Nov. 4. Susanna daughter of Joseph and
Lydia Russel.

Nov. 18. Richard son of Richard and
Susanna Woodard.

Dec. 2. James son of John and Mary
Rogers.

Dec. 23. Waffe son of Waffe and Elisab-
eth Rand.

Nov. 24. Thomas son of Nathanael and
Mary Peck.

Dec. 29. John son of John and Sarah
Joy.

1752

Memorandum. By a late Act of Parlia-
ment January is settled for the first
Month of the Year, and the double Date
so long in Use extinguished. NB. Sept.
loses 11 Days, the 3d Day being to be
called the 14th this Year.

January. None.

Feb. 23. James son of Jonathan and
Elisabeth Cary.

Mar. 1. Lydia daughter of Joseph and
Lydia Russel.

Mar. 8. Sarah daughter of Robert (and
Anne) Williams junior.

Mar. 29. Martha daughter of James and
Martha Topp.

April. None.

May 17. Sarah daughter of Joshua and
Elisabeth Blanchard.

June. None.

July 12. John son of Charles and Elisa-
beth Dabney.

Aug. 30. Thomas-Hubbard son of Wil-
liam Blair and Mary Townsend.

John son of Thomas and Sarah Wil-
liston.

September. None.

Oct. 8. Rebecca daughter of Samuel and
Rebecca Partridge.

Oct. 15. Anna daughter of John and
Mary Rogers.

Nov. 5. John son of Thomas (and
Sarah) Hartley junior.

Nov. 19. Benjamin son of Benjamin and
Elisabeth Austin.

Nov. 26. Cornelius son of Cornelius and
Sarah Thayer.

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1753

Feb. 18. Sarah daughter of Nathanael
and Mary Peck.

March. None.

1756

Jan. 25. William son of Shrimpton and
Jane Hunt.

Feb. 1. Lois daughter of John and Sarah
Fillebrown.

Apr. 1. Sarah daughter of Jeremy and Sarah Green.
 Apr. 8. Benjamin son of Joseph and Elisabeth Savel.
 Benjamin son of Ebenezer and Elisabeth Stevens.
 May 6. Jane daughter of Shrimpton and Jane Hunt.
 Samuel son of Thomas and Ruth Rand.
 June. None.
 July 29. Robert son of Robert (and Anne) Williams junior.
 Sep. 16. Michael son of John and Sarah Joy.
 Oct. 7. Eleanor daughter of Waffe and Elisabeth Rand.
 Anna daughter of Thomas and Anne Ethridge.
 Nov. 11. Elisabeth daughter of John and Elisabeth Shepard.
 Dec. 23. Samuel son of Jonathan and Elisabeth Cary.
 John son of John and [blank] Pitman.

1754

January. None.
 Feb. 24. Bethiah daughter of Samuel and Esther Daggett.
 Mar. 17. Sarah daughter of John and Sarah Fillebrown.
 Mar. 31. Ebenezer-Turell son of Cornelius and Sarah Thayer.
 Apr. 28. Mary daughter of Benjamin and Mary Hannahs.
 May 5. James son of James and Elisabeth Richard.
 May 26. [Blank]⁶ of Ebenezer (Junior) and [Blank] Swan.
 June 16. William son of William and Sarah Waters.
 July. None.

Feb. 15. Mary daughter of Robert and Sarah McNair.
 Feb. 22. Thomas son of Ebenezer (junior) and [blank] Swan.
 Feb. 29. Samuel son of Joshua and Elisabeth Blanchard.
 Ebenezer-Turell son of Cornelius and Sarah Thayer.
 March. None.
 Apr. 11. Sarah daughter of Samuel and Abigail Ross.
 Apr. 25. [Blank]⁷ of John and Mehitable Stover.
 May. None.
 June 6. John son of John and Elisabeth Mackay.
 June 20. Benjamin son of Robert (and Anne) Williams.
 July. [None.]
 August. [None.]
 Sep. 12. John son of James and Elisabeth Rickard.
 Sep. 19. Sarah daughter of Peter and Abigail Slater.
 Sep. 26. Mary daughter of Samuel and Mary Austin.
 October. None.
 November. None.
 Dec. 26. Thomas son of Ebenezer and [Elizabeth]⁸ Doggett (belonging to a Church at Plimouth).

1757

Jan. 23. Bryant son of Benjamin and Rebekah Parrott.
 Feb. 27. Benjamin son of John and Sarah Joy.
 Mar. 13. Thomas son of Shrimpton and Jane Hunt.
 Apr. 10. Samuel son of Samuel and Esther Doggett.
 May 22. Anna daughter of Thomas and Anne Ethridge.

⁶ Birth not in Town Records.⁷ Birth not in Town Records.⁸ Thomas, son of Ebenezer Dogget and Elizabeth, his wife, born Dec. 19, 1756 (Town Records).

Aug. 4. [Mary]⁹ daughter of Joshua and Elisabeth Blanchard.

Aug. 25. Abigail daughter of Samuel and Abigail Slater.

Sep. 15. Elisabeth daughter of Benjamin and Elisabeth Austin.

Oct. 6. Elisabeth daughter of Joseph and Elisabeth Savil.

Oct. 13. Abigail daughter of Samuel (and Anne) Warden junior.

November. None.

Dec. 8. Elisabeth daughter of Shrimpton and Jane Hunt.

1755

January. None.

Feb. 9. Mary daughter of John and Mary Rogers.

Feb. 16. Mary daughter of Charles and Elisabeth Dabney.

Mar. 24. Mary daughter of Thomas and Anne Ethridge.

Apr. 6. Thomas son of John and Elisabeth Shepard.

Apr. 13. Samuel son of Thomas and Ruth Rand.

Apr. 27. William son of William and Freelove Everden.

May 4. Joseph son of Jeremy and Sarah Green.

May 18. Samuel son of Samuel and Esther Daggett.

June 22. Mary daughter of James and Elisabeth Rickard.

Sarah daughter of John and Sarah Joy.

Aug. 24. Nathanael son of Nathanael Ray and Sarah Thomas.

September. None.

October. None.

Nov. 16. Nathanael son of Jonathan and Elisabeth Cary.

Dec. 17. Hannah daughter of Nathanael and Mary Peck.

June 12. James son of [blank]¹ and Elisabeth Endicott.

June 19. Elisabeth daughter of Samuel and Elisabeth Holbrook.

July. None.

Aug. 21. Thomas son of Jonathan and Elisabeth Cary.

Sep. 11. Mary daughter of Samuel (and Anne) Warden junior.

October. None.

Nov. 6. William and Josiah sons of William and Lydia Bourk.

Nov. 20. Abigail daughter of Job and Abigail Wheelwright.

Dec. 11. Nathanael son of James and Martha Thwing.

1758

Jan. 1. John son of John and Sarah Fillebrown.

Jan. 8. Thomas son of Thomas and Hannah Leverett.

Jan. 15. Robert son of Robert and Sarah McNaire.

Jan. 22. John-Dixwel son of Joshua and Elisabeth Blanchard.

Andrew son of John and Abigail Cunningham.

Feb. 12. Elisabeth daughter of Benjamin and Elisabeth Austin.

March. None.

Apr. 2. Lydia daughter of John and Lydia Stoneman.

Apr. 30. Joseph son of Daniel and Rebecca Waldoe.

May 7. Peter son of Peter and Abigail Slater.

May 21. John son of Cornelius and Sarah Thayer.

June. None.

July 2. Josiah son of Josiah and Mary Fessenden.

July 9. Abigail daughter of Jeremy and Sarah Green.

⁹ Mary, daughter of Joshua Blanchard and Elizabeth, his wife, born July 19, 1754 (Town Records).

¹ Birth not in Town Records.

Edward son of James and Elisabeth Rickard.
 July 16. Mary daughter of John and Mary Rogers.
 August. None.
 Sep. 3. Catharine daughter of Shrimpton and Jane Hunt.
 Anne daughter of Robert and Anne Williams.
 Sep. 24. John son of John and Mary Leverett.
 Oct. 15. Mary daughter of Joseph and [blank]² Day.
 Nov. 19. William son of [Blank]³ and Susanna Torrey.
 Dec. 3. Elisabeth daughter of Nathanael and Mary Peck.
 Dec. 10. Mary daughter of Samuel (and Anne) Warden junior.

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1759

Jan. 7. Abigail daughter of Thomas and Hannah Leverett.
 Jan. 21. Charles son of John and Sarah Joy.
 Feb. 11. William-Brown son of William and Mary Foggo.
 Apr. 29. Esther daughter of Job and Abigail Wheelwright.
 May 6. Thomas and John twin sons of Daniel and Rebecca Waldoe.
 May 27. Elisabeth daughter of Samuel and Esther Doggett.
 June 17. Nathanael son of Cornelius and Sarah Thayer.
 Bryant son of Reuben and Elisabeth Stevenson.
 July 1. Richard son of Jonathan and Elisabeth Cary.
 July 22. Abigail daughter of John and Lydia Stoneman.

Oct. 11. Stephen-Hall son of William and Elisabeth Gray.
 Oct. 18. Joanna daughter of James and Martha Thwing.
 Oct. 25. William-Cook son of Shrimpton and Jane Hunt.
 Nov. 1. James son of James and Elisabeth Rickard.
 Nov. 8. Harrison son of Thomas and Hannah Leverett.

1762

Jan. 3. Anna daughter of John and Sarah Fillebrown.
 Sarah daughter of Samuel and Esther Doggett.
 Jan. 31. Sarah daughter of Samuel Warden.⁴
 Feb. 21. Mary daughter of Jonathan and Elisabeth Cary.
 Apr. 18. Sarah daughter of John and Sarah Wendell.

^{2 3} Births not in Town Records.

⁴ Here end entries by Thomas Foxcroft; from this point through 1778, entries were made by Charles Chauncy.

Aug. 5. William son of Ebenezer and Elisabeth Dogget.
 William son of James and Elisabeth Rickard.
 Aug. 12. Susanna daughter of John and Abigail Cunningham.
 Rebecca daughter of Benjamin and Rebecca Parrott.
 Aug. 19. Elisabeth daughter of Eleazar and Elisabeth Harlow.
 Sep. 2. Samuel-Hill son of William and Elisabeth Murray.
 October. None.
 Nov. 18. Thomas son of John and Sarah Fillebrown.
 Dec. 9. Sarah daughter of Shrimpton and Jane Hunt.

1760

Jan. 27. Samuel son of Samuel and Mary Austin.
 Feb. 10. Elisabeth daughter of Joseph and Mary Russel.
 Mar. 9. Bethiah daughter of John and Susanna Torrey.
 William son of John and Mary Leverett.
 Mar. 23. Free-love daughter of Kembal and Freelove (formerly Everden) Bass.
 April. None.
 May. None.
 June. Martha daughter of James and Martha Thwing.
 June 13. Daniel (Domi pr. Dr C.)⁵ (Ægrot.)⁶ son of Daniel and Rebecca Waldoe.
 Aug. 31. Catharine daughter of Joshua and Elisabeth Blanchard.
 Sep. 14. Martha-Hall daughter of William and Elisabeth Gray.
 Sep. 28. Susanna daughter of William and Mary Powell.

May 30. Mary daughter of Joseph and Abigail Morton.
 Aug. 1. Mary daughter of William and Mary Powel.
 Aug. 15. David son of Elisabeth Endicott, baptised in her right.
 Aug. 22. Edward son of Jeremiah Green. William son of Edward Blanchard.
 Sep. 26. John son of Edward Powers.
 Oct. 31. Sarah daughter of Friend and Ann Dole.
 Nov. 14. William son of Cornelius and Sarah Thayer. William son of William and Elisabeth Gray.

1763

Jan. 23. Daniel son of Daniel and Rebekah Waldo.
 Jan. 30. Lydia daughter of John and Sarah Joy.
 Feb. 13. Susanna daughter of Samuel and Susannah Drap[er].⁷
 Apr. 24. Sarah daughter of Robert and Sarah McNair.
 May 15. Sarah daughter of Job and Abigail Wheelwright.
 June 5. James son of James and Martha Thwing.
 June 26. Samuel son of Robert and Anna Williams. Mary daughter of John and Abigail Cunningham.
 July 3. Josiah son of John Hunt and Sarah Wendal. Jeremiah son of Jeremiah and Mary Russel.
 July 31. Mary daughter of John and Mary Leverett.
 Sep. 17. John (Domi per Dr C. ægrot.)⁸ son of John and Mary Gray.
 Sep. 18. Thomas son of Shrimpton and Jane Hunt.

⁵ i.e. At home by Dr. Chauncy.

⁶ ægrotus, i.e. sick.

⁷ Page torn.

⁸ i.e. At home by Dr. Chauncy; sick.

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October. None.

Nov. 2. Samuel son of Robert and Sarah McNaire.

Nov. 9. Hannah daughter of Thomas and Hannah Leverett.

Nov. 16. Anna daughter of Samuel (junior) and Anne Warden.

Nov. 30. John son of John and Lydia Stoneman.

Dec. 28. Abigail daughter of Joseph and Abigail Morton.

1761

Jan. 4. Edward son of Edward and Sarah Blanchard.

Mar. 8. Elisabeth daughter of Edward and Elisabeth Powers.

Mar. 15. George son of John and Sarah Joy.

April. None.

May 17. Sarah daughter of Peter and Abigail Slater.

June. None.

July 5. John son of John and Abigail Cunningham.

July 26. Benjamin son of Benjamin and Mary Homer.

Aug. 23. Thomas-Walley son of Joseph and Mary Russel.

Sep. 6. Samuel son of Job and Abigail Wheelwright.

Sep. 20. Martha daughter of Daniel and Rebecca Waldo.

Abigail daughter of John and Mary Leverett.

Sep. 27. Isaac son of Isaac and Persis Chittenden.

Oct. T[homas]⁹ Joshua and Elisabeth Blanchard.

[332] Aug. 12. Joseph son of Joseph and Abigail Morton.

Aug. 19. Lois daughter of Constant and Lois Freeman.

Rebecca daughter of Lodwick and Mary Hill.

Oct. 2. Mary Brown daughter of William and Mary Fogg.

Oct. 30. William son of Edward and Sarah Blanchard.

Nov. 27. Mary daughter of Joshua and Elisabeth Blanchard.

Dec. 18. Ruth daughter of Benjamin and Mary Homer.

Elisabeth daughter of Samuel Warden.

1764

Apr. 15. Mary daughter of Josiah Carter Junior.

Apr. 22. Hannah daughter of Jonathan and Elisabeth Cary.

May 6. Rebecca Elbridge daughter of Daniel and Rebecca Waldo.

July 22. Edward son of William and Elisabeth Gray.¹

⁹ Page badly torn. Thomas, son of Joshua Blanchard and Elizabeth, his wife, born Oct. 2, 1761 (Town Records).

¹ Edge of sheet badly worn; possibly another entry at bottom of page.

Sep. 9. Samuel son of Cornelius and Sarah Thayer.

Friend son of Friend and Ann Dole.
Rachel daughter of Edward and [blank]² Powers.

Nov. 11. Benjamin son of Job and Abigail Wheelwright.

1765

Jan. 13. Mary daughter of Edward and Sarah Blanchard.

Feb. 17. William son of James and Martha Thwing.

Feb. 24. Joseph son of Jeremiah and Mary Russel.

Apr. 14. Mary daughter of John and Abigail Cunningham.

May 12. Elisabeth daughter of John and Sarah Joy.

May 19. Benjamin Salt son of Jacob and Margaret Williams.

July 14. Thomas son of John and Mary Leverett.

Sep. 8. Lucy daughter of Josiah and [Mary]³ Carter Junior.

Oct. 6. William son of John and Sarah Philebrown.

John son of John-Hunt Wendal and Sarah his wife.

Oct. 13. Caleb Balch son of William and Mary Foggo.

Nov. 24. Elisabeth daughter of Daniel and Rebecca Waldo.

Dec. 29. Hannah daughter of John and Abigail Waldo.

Nov. 27. [Blank]⁴ of Job and Abigail Wheelwright.

1769

Jan. 22. Samuel son of James and Martha Thwing.

Feb. 5. Nabby daughter of Cuthbett and [Abigail]⁵ Englesby.

Apr. 9. Timothy son of Timothy and [Elizabeth]⁶ White.

Sarah daughter of John and [blank] Ruggles.

Apr. 16. Christopher son of David and Joanna Tilden.

May 14. Hannah daughter of John and Sarah Joy.

May 28. Elisabeth Saunders daughter of William and Elisabeth Gray.

July 2. Nehemiah son of Constant and Lois Freeman.

Josiah son of Josiah and [blank] Carter. Both baptised by the Rev. Mr Appleton of Cambridge who preached with us upon occasion of Mr Foxcroft's death.

July 23. Jane daughter of Susanna Frasier, her husband at Sea, and unknown to our Church.

Dec. 10. John Wharton son of Edward and Sarah Blanchard.

Rachel daughter of Edward and [blank]⁷ Powers.

Dec. 24. Andrew son of Dimond and [blank] Molton.

1766

Jan. 26. Mary daughter of Lodowick and Mary Hill.

² Elizabeth (?) Rachel not on Boston Birth Records but Elizabeth, daughter of Edward Powers and Elizabeth, his wife, was born Jan. 13, 1761 (Town Records).

³ Lucy, daughter of Josiah Carter and Mary, his wife, born Sept. 5, 1765 (Town Records).

⁴ Not on Boston Birth Records for 1768.

⁵ Nabby, daughter of Cuthbert Inglesby and Abigail his wife, born Jan. 24, 1769 (Town Records).

⁶ Timothy, son of Timothy White and Elizabeth, his wife, born March 28, 1769 (Town Records).

⁷ Another Rachel Powers baptized Sept. 9, 1764 (Cf. p. 424).

Mar. 2. Supply-Clap son of James and Martha Thwing.	1770
Joanna daughter of David and Joanna Tilden.	
Mar. 9. Matthew Mead son of Shrimpton and Jane Hunt.	
Mar. 16. Anna daughter of Anna Phillips.	
Mar. 23. Thomas son of William and Elisabeth Gray.	
July 13. Rachel daughter of Jonathan and Elisabeth Cary.	
Sep. 14. Thomas son of Edward and [blank] ⁸ Powers.	
Oct. 12. Israel son of Israel and [blank] Loring.	
1767	
Mar. 1. Sarah daughter of Daniel and Rebecca Waldo.	
Mar. 29. Thomas Bradford son of Josiah and [Mary] ⁹ Carter Junior.	
Apr. 19. William son of John and Sarah Joy.	
Aug. 23. Mary daughter of Bartholemey and Mary Rand.	
Sep. 6. Abigail daughter of John and Sarah Philebrown.	
Sep. 20. John Jones son of Joseph and Martha Waldo.	
Sep. 27. Sarah daughter of Samuel and Esther Doggett.	
Nov. 8. Martha daughter of David and Joanna Tilden.* ¹	
Dec. 13. Rebecca daughter of William and Mary Foggo.	
Dec. 27. [Blank].	
1771	
Jan. 6. Elisabeth daughter of Jacob and Margaret Williams.	
Feb. 10. John son of Job and Abigail Wheelwright.	
Mar. 16. John son of John and [blank] Ruggles.	

⁸ Elizabeth (?) Cf. p. 423.

⁹ Thomas Bradford, son of Josiah Carter and Mary, his wife, born Mar. 14, 1767 (Town Records).

¹ Edge of leaf badly worn. Asterisk, perhaps refers to a name at the bottom of the page which is too badly torn to decipher.

² Jonathan, son of Jonathan Houghton and Mary, his wife, born Jan. 7, 1770 (Town Records).

³ Not in Boston Birth Records for 1770.

⁴ John Foster, son of Israel and Mary Loring, born Nov. 10, 1770 (Town Records).

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1768

Jan. 3. William son of Cornelius and Sarah Thayer.
 Feb. 14. John son of William and Elisabeth Gray.
 Rebecca daughter of John Hunt Wendal and Sarah his wife.
 Apr. 3. Elisabeth daughter of Edward and Sarah Blanchard.
 June 12. Benjamin son of Thomas and Hannah Leverett.
 July 11. Joseph son of Joseph and [blank] Russel.
 Elisabeth daughter of Benjamin and⁵

Aug. 25. John son of Josiah and [blank] Carter.
 Sep. 29. George son of Edward and Sarah Blanchard.
 Oct. 6. Rebecca daughter of Daniel and Rebecca Waldo.
 Oct. 20. Mary daughter of Samuel and [blank] Peck.
 Nov. 17. William son of Dimond and [blank] Morton.
 [Blank] daughter⁶

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1772

Jan. 26. Elisabeth daughter of Robert and Elisabeth Ruggles.
 Feb. 2. Martha daughter of Thomas and Martha Leverett.
 Jonathan son of Jacob and Margaret Williams.
 Mar. 22. Thomas son of William and Elisabeth Gray.
 Apr. 5. Jeremiah son of John and Mary Allen.
 June 21. Daniel Handcock son of Daniel and Elisabeth Henchman.
 July 26. Cuthbert son of Cuthbert and [blank] Englesby.
 Nov. 29. Elisabeth daughter of Samuel and Elisabeth Ruggles.

1773

Jan. 24. Samuel son of John and [blank] Ruggles.
 Jan. 31. Sally daughter of Josiah and Mary Russel.
 Feb. 14. Joseph Tyler son of Edward and Sarah Blanchard.

1777

Jan. 19. Ebenezer Torry son of Culbert and Abigail Englesby.
 Jan. 20. Rebecca daughter of James and Martha Thwing.
 May 18. Nathanael son of Nathanael and Mary Noyes.
 May 25. Joseph son of Israel and [blank] Loring.
 July 13. James son of Jonathan and [Mary]⁷ Houghton.

1778

Apr. 26. Mary daughter of George Roulston.
 Aug. 2. Mary Roulston the wife of George Roulston.
 Cornelius son of Cornelius and [blank] Fellows.
 Oct. 4. Daniel son of Job and Abigail Wheelwright.⁸
 Nov. 29. Samuel son of Samuel Ruggles and Elisabeth Ruggles.
 Isaac son of Isaac Daffier and [Elizabeth]⁹ Daffier.

⁵ Page torn.

⁶ Edge of sheet too badly worn to decipher.

⁷ James, son of Jonathan Houghton and Mary, his wife, born July 9, 1777 (Town Records).

⁸ Here end entries by Charles Chauncy begun in 1762; from this point through July 14, 1793 entries were made by John Clarke.

⁹ See below, p. 427.

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Mar. 14. George son of Job and Abigail Wheelwright. Dec. 20. Charles son of Edward and Sarah Blanchard.

Aug. 1. Margaret daughter of Dimon and [blank] Molton. 1779

Aug. 8. Joseph son of Joseph and [blank] Lowden. Jan. 3. John son of John and Abigail Joy.

Oct. 17. [Blank].

Oct. 24. Mary daughter of James and Martha Thwing.

Dec. 26. James son of James and Elizabeth Lamb.

1774

Jan. 30. Michael son of John and Elizabeth Lowell.

Feb. 13. Edward son of Samuel and Elisabeth Ruggles.

Feb. 20. Robert son of Robert and Elisabeth Ruggles.

Mar. 27. Isabella daughter of Cuthbert Englesby and his wife.

Peggy daughter of Nabo a negroe man, who had been baptised, and owned the covenant.

July 10. Mary daughter of Thomas and Martha Leverett.

July 24. Sarah daughter of John and Mary Allen.

Aug. 14. Samuel son of William and [blank] Sweat.

Sep. 18. Bethiah Cobb daughter of Benjamin and Mary Homer.

Oct. 30. Mary daughter of Robert and Mary Rand.

Nov. 6. William son of Edward and Sarah Blanchard.

Israel son of Israel and [blank] Loring.

1776

July 28. Elizabeth daughter of Thomas and Martha Leveret.

Aug. 11. Nancy daughter of Edward and Sarah Blanchard.

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Aug. 2. Cornelius son of Cornelius and [blank] Fellows.
 Oct. 4. Daniel son of Job and Abigail Wheelwright.
 Nov. 29. Samuel son of Samuel and Elisabeth Ruggles.
 Isaac son of Isaac and Elisabeth Dafforn.
 Dec. 20. Charles son of Edward and Sarah Blanchard.

A.D. 1779

Jan. 3. John son of John and Abigail Joy.
 Mar. 7. Polly daughter of James and Mary Morrell.
 June 6. Caty daughter of Samuel and Ann Whitwell.
 Robert son of Robert and Mary Rand.
 July 11. Abigail daughter of John and Elizabeth Lowel.
 Aug. 15. Deborah daughter of Robert and [blank] Hitchborne.

[340] Oct. 22. Caty daughter of John and Chloe Cotes.

A.D. 1781

Feb. 11. Alice Dunnel daughter of Cornelius and Sarah Fellows.
 Mar. 25. Harriet daughter of John and Esther Clarke.
 Apr. 1. Sally daughter of Edward and [blank] Reed.
 Apr. 15. Joseph Webb son of Jonathan and Mary Simonds.
 Apr. 22. Henry son of Robert and [blank] Hitchborne.
 May 27. Harriet daughter of Job and Abigail Wheelwright.
 June 17. Steven son of Thomas and Nancy Wadsworth.
 July 8. Elizabeth Sympkins daughter of Robert and Mary Rand.
 July 22. John Foster son of Jacob and Margaret Williams.

Aug. 29. Elisabeth daughter of Edward and [blank] Reed.

Nov. 7. Charles son of William and Lydia Hoskins.

Nov. 22. Polly daughter of Israel and Mary Loring.

A.D. 1780

Jan. 9. Andrew son of John and Mary Newell.
 Jan. 30. Nathaniel son of Cornelius and Sarah Fellows.
 Feb. 6. Sally daughter of William and Abigail Summers.
 Mar. 5. Robert son of Shubael and Martha Hewes.
 Mar. 19. Polly daughter of Robert and [blank] Mackey.
 Apr. 2. Jane daughter of James and Elizabeth Carter.
 May 7. Samuel son of Samuel and Ann Whitwell.
 Sep. 3. James son of James and Mary Morrell.

July 29. Briant Parrot son of Joseph and Sarah Tilden.

Aug. 5. Nicholas Boilstone son of William and Susanna Richardson.

Sep. 2. Lucy daughter of Samuel and Ann Whitwell.

Nov. 12. William Powel son of Jonathan and Susanna Mason.

1782

Feb. 10. Harriet daughter of Cornelius and Sarah Fellows.
 Feb. 24. Elizabeth daughter of Isaac and Elizabeth Dafforne.
 Mar. 3. William son of William and Abigail Summers.
 Apr. 7. Polly Ruggles daughter of James and Elizabeth Carter.
 May 5. Polly daughter of Jonathan and Mary Symonds.
 June 23. Nancy daughter of William and Lydia Hoskins.

Abigail daughter of Josiah and Catherine Rhodes.

Aug. 11. Susanna daughter of Jonathan and Susanna Mason.

John son of [blank] and [blank] Chandler.

Sep. 1. Harriet daughter of [blank] and [blank] Howes.

1784

Jan. 18. James Ivers son of Jonathan Loring and Hannah Austin.²

Mar. 14. Charles son of Joseph and Sarah Barrell.

Charlotte Sever daughter of Shubael and Martha Hewes.

Apr. 4. Sarah daughter of Joseph and Sarah Tilden.

Apr. 25. Edward son of Edward and [blank] Reed.

May 16. John son of Ebo and [blank] Fairfield.

Polly daughter of John and Jane Loring.

June 6. Nancy daughter of Cornelius and Sarah Fellows.

July 11. Elizabeth daughter of Jonathan and Susanna Mason.

Sep. 12. Nancy daughter of James and Mary Morrell.

Sep. 19. Thomas son of [blank] and Mary Symonds.

Sep. 26. Susanna daughter of Robert and Mary Rand.

1783

Jan. 13. Joseph Greene son of John and Abigail Joy.

Jan. 19. Thankful daughter of Edward and Mary Reed.

Jan. 26. Esau son of Ebo and Susanna Fairfield.

Feb. 2. Harriet daughter of Robert and [blank] Hitchborne.

Feb. 16. Hannah daughter of Israel and Mary Loring.

July 20. Debby Smith daughter of Jonathan and Mary Symonds.

July 27. Rebecca daughter of James and Elisabeth Carter.

Aug. 31. Isaac son of Isaac and Elisabeth Dafforne.

Oct. 12. Elizabeth daughter of Jacob and Margaret Williams.

Polly daughter of Samuel and Ann Whitwell.

[342] Oct. 17. Nabby daughter of William and Abigail Summers.

Esther daughter of John and Esther Clarke.

Oct. 31. Thomas son of Jonathan and [Mary]¹ Houghton.

Dec. 18. Debby daughter of Jonathan and Mary Symonds.

1786

Jan. 15. Ruth daughter of Samuel and Ruth Thwing.

¹ Thomas, son of Jonathan Houghton and Mary (dec'd) his wife, born Oct. 25, 1784 (Town Records).

² James Trecothick, son of Jonathan L. and Hannah, his wife, born Jan. 10, 1784 (Town Records).

1785

Jan. 2. Charles son of Nathaniel W. and Sarah Appleton.
 Mar. 13. Susannah Boilstone daughter of William and Susanna Richardson.
 Mar. 29. Samuel son of Samuel and Sarah Cabot.
 May 1. Lucretia daughter of Robert Treat and Sarah Paine.
 July 10. Edmund son of [blank] and [blank] Howes.
 Aug. 7. Isaac son of Isaac and Elizabeth Dafforne.
 Sep. 18. William Joy son of Israel and Mary Loring.
 Sep. 25. Abraham, Elisha, John St Legar, Charles Hill, Polly, Sally, children of Abraham and [Mary]³ Hunt.
 Nov. 13. Joseph son of Joseph and Dorothy May.

[343] June 24. Elizabeth daughter of Joseph and Jane Woodward.

July 2. Lucius Manlius son of Daniel and Mary Sargent.
 Aug. 27. Polly daughter of Edward and Mary Reed.
 Sep. 10. Sarah daughter of Jonathan and [Mary]⁴ Houghton.
 Sep. 3. Benjamin son of Benjamin and Jane Austin.
 Sep. 12. William Powell son of Jonathan and Susanna Mason.
 Sep. 17. David son of David and Sarah Tyler.
 Dec. 31. Elizabeth daughter of Robert and [blank] Hitchborne.

Feb. 5. Henry Ferdinand son of Joseph and Sarah Barrell.
 Mar. 5. Abraham son of Ebo and Susanna Fairfield.
 Mar. 14. Mary Clarke daughter of Samuel and Sarah Cabot.
 Mar. 19. Louisa daughter of Ebenezer and [blank] Battelle.
 Apr. 2. Benjamin son of Peter and Ruth Assinoe.
 Apr. 16. Martin and Sally children of Martin and Sarah Burkis.
 Apr. 30. Abigail daughter of Joseph and Sarah Tilden.
 May 8. Sally daughter of John and Jane Loring.

A.D. 1787

Jan. 7. George son of Nathaniel W. and Sarah Appleton.
 Jan. 28. William son of Joseph and Sarah Tilden.
 Mar. 11. Samuel son of Samuel and Catharine Torrey.
 Mar. 19. Robert Pierce son of Robert and Bethiah Williams.
 Thomas son of Edward and Mary Archer.
 June 10. John and Lucy son and daughter of Martin and Sarah Burkis.
 June 17. Nabby daughter of James and Nabby Dawson.
 July 8. William son of William and Susanna Richardson.
 July 15. Nancy daughter of William and Abigail Summers.
 Aug. 5. Joseph son of Shubael and Martha Hewes.

³ Charles Hill, son of Abraham and Mary Hunt, his wife, born Jan. 28, 1780 (Town Records).

⁴ Sally, daughter of Jonathan Houghton and Mary, his wife, born Sept. 8, 1786 (Town Records).

Sep. 23. [Blank] daughter of Eliakim and [blank] Morse.
 Sep. 30. Nabby daughter of [blank] Howe.
 Oct. 14. Lucy daughter of Ozias and Lucy Morse.
 Oct. 9. Henry son of John and Sarah Pulling.
 Dec. 12. Elizabeth Lee daughter of Samuel and Sarah Cabot.
 Dec. 23. Harriet daughter of David and Sarah Tyler.

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A.D. 1788

Feb. 10. George son of Joseph and Sarah Barrell.
 Charles son of Benjamin and Jane Austin.
 Apr. 20. Matthias son of Martin and Sarah Burkis.
 Samuel son of Samuel and Ann Bradford.
 Apr. 27. William son of William and Hannah Smith.
 Aug. 10. John son of Samuel and Catharine Torrey.
 Nov. 16. Joanna Thwing daughter of Galen and Joanna Otis.
 Nov. 30. Mary daughter of Nathaniel W. and Sarah Appleton.
 Dec. 11. Robert and Ann son and daughter of Robert and Lucy Montgomery.

1789

Jan. 4. Isabella daughter of James and Nabby Dawson.
 Jan. 11. Elizabeth daughter of Joseph and Sarah Tilden.
 John son of Thomas and Mary Greenleafe.
 Feb. 22. John son of Eliakim and [blank] Morse.
 Mar. 8. Peter, Peter Phillips, Rosanna, Mary, sons and daughters of Peter and Sylvia Branch.
 Mar. 15. Ann daughter of Samuel and Ann Bradford.
 Mar. 29. Polly Dorcas daughter of John and Margaret Page.
 Apr. 5. Charles Chauncy son of John and Esther Clarke.
 John son of John and Abigail Brown.
 Stephen son of Samuel and Sarah Cabot.
 May 31. Sarah daughter of James and Mary Morrell.

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July 5. Sally daughter of Sarah and David Tyler.
 July 24. Elizabeth Storer daughter of Hannah and William Smith.
 Aug. 30. Dudley son of William and Susanna Richardson.
 Sep. 13. Charles son of Robert and Bethia Williams.
 Oct. 2. John son of John and Jane Loring.

Feb. 7. Charles son of Samuel and Catharine Torrey.
 Feb. 21. David son of David and Hannah West.
 Cesar Spear son of Lear and Chloe Kymball.
 Feb. 28. Henry son of Robert and [blank] Hitchborn.
 May 1. Loring son of Jonathan Loring and Hannah Austin.

Nov. 8. Nabby daughter of Thomas and Abigail Rogers.

Nov. 22. Eliza daughter of Benjamin and Jane Austin.

David and Sophia son and daughter of David S. and Sarah Marston.

Dec. 12. John and Mary son and daughter of John and Mary Cunningham.

Sukey daughter of Samuel and Rachel Thayer.

A.D. 1790

Jan. 24. Nancy daughter of Ozias and Lucy Morse.

Jan. 31. Ebenezer son of Edward and Elizabeth Carnes.

William-Phillips son of William and Elizabeth Harris.

May 16. Eliza Matilda daughter of William and Elizabeth Morrell.

June 6. Samuel-Browne son of Joseph and Sarah Barrell.

Ezekiel Price son of Thomas and Mary Greenleaf.

July 4. Ebenezer son of Ebenezer and Jane Pilsbury.

Aug. 1. Ebenezer son of Eliakim and [blank] Morse.

Dec. 1. John and George sons of John and Jane Scholts.

[346] Dec. 17. Edward son of Edward and Mary Blanchard.

Dec. 19. William son of William and Frances Little.

1791

Jan. 9. William Greenleaf son of Nathaniel W. and Sarah Appleton.

Jan. 25. Nabby daughter of Abigail and John Joy.

Jan. 30. Elizabeth daughter of Robert and Lucy Montgomery.

Charles son of David and Sarah Tyler.

Feb. 6. Nancy Pierce daughter of John and Sarah Williams.

Lewis Edwards son of Jonathan and Mary Symonds.

Apr. 3. John and Peter sons of Peter and Sylvia Branch.

Apr. 17. John son of Joseph and Sarah Tilden.

May 10. Mary daughter of William and Susanna Richardson.

May 15. Betsey daughter of John and Abigail Browne.

May 15. Peggy daughter of Edmund and [Mary]⁵ Wright.

June 5. Jane daughter of Benjamin and Jane Austin.

June 26. Mariamne⁶ daughter of Samuel and Anna Bradford.

July 3. Mary Carter daughter of William and Hannah Smith.

July 19. Maryann daughter of Thomas and Mary Greenleaf.

July 24. John son of Samuel and Catharine Torrey.

Rebecca daughter of Thomas and Abigail Rogers.

Aug. 5. David and Joseph Bradford sons of David and Rebecca Lamb.

Oct. 2. Benjamin Salt son of Benjamin Salt and Lydia Williams.

Lemuel son of Lemuel and Elizabeth Lundden.

Nancy daughter of John and Elizabeth Lawrence.

⁵ Peggy, daughter of Edmund Wright and Mary, his wife, born March 23, 1791 (Town Records).

⁶ Probably Marianne.

[347] Dec. 25. Hannah Ayers daughter of Ozias and Lucy Morse.

1792

Jan. 1. Sally daughter of David and Hannah West.
 Feb. 11. Barbara daughter of Martin and Sarah Burkis.
 Susanna daughter of Nebo and [blank] Fairfield.
 Feb. 19. John Clarke son of Joseph and Sarah Barrell.
 Mar. 4. David Pierce son of Jonathan and Sarah Williams.
 Mar. 18. Harriet daughter of John and Esther Clarke.
 Sophia daughter of William and Elizabeth Harris.
 Mar. 25. Sarah daughter of George and Elizabeth Cade.
 Apr. 1. Nancy daughter of John and Jane Schollts.
 May 13. Margaret Eliza Scott daughter of Abijah and Elizabeth Cheever.
 June 3. Susanna Witherton an Adult.

June 10. Daniel Dennison son of Thomas and Abigail Rogers.

June 17. Nancy, Mary, James Gardner, John daughters and sons of John and Ann Clinton.

Mary Bethia daughter of Benjamin and Mary Homer.

June 14. Mary daughter of Joseph and Jane Woodward.

June 24. Joseph son of Joseph and [blank] Harris.

July 8. John son of William and Frances Little.

Oct. 20. Joseph and Sarah children of Samuel and Sarah Cabot.

Nov. 4. Isaac son of William and Hannah Smith.

1793

Mar. 24. Lucy daughter of Robert and Lucy Montgomery.

Apr. 14. Benjamin son of Benjamin and Jane Austin.

Apr. 21. Mary Parker daughter of Joseph and Sarah Tilden.

June 9. Elijah son of [blank] and Nancy Haden.

July 7. Sally daughter of N. W. and Sarah Appleton.

July 14. Mary daughter of Lemuel and Elizabeth Ludden.

[348] July 14. Catharine daughter of John and [blank]⁷ Clinton.⁸

1796

By the Reverend Mr John Clark, of Boston.

May 15. Christopher son of Christopher and Elizabeth Tilden.

⁷ *Ann (?)* Cf. entry for June 17, 1792.

⁸ Here end entries by John Clarke begun in 1778; the next entries are in the hand of Deacon David Tilden until January 6, 1799 when William Emerson began the record.

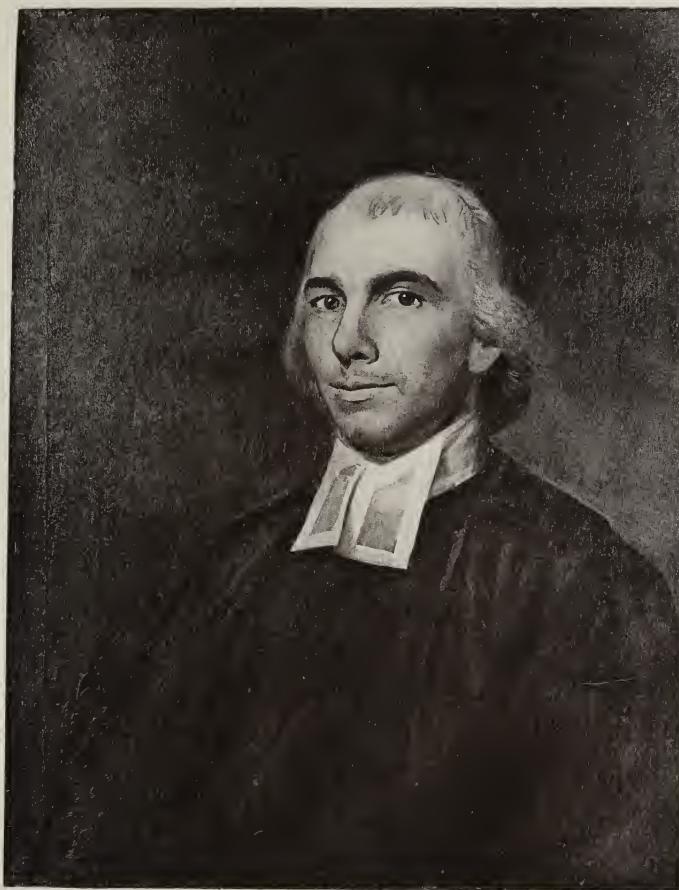
⁹ Jedediah Morse, D.D., minister in Charlestown, 1789-1820.

1799

By Doctor Morse.⁹

Feb. 3. Isaac son of James and Sarah Phillips.

Daniel Dennison son of Daniel D. and Elizabeth Rogers.



The Reverend John Clarke, D.D.

1755-1798

Minister of the First Church, 1778-1798

Painted by Henry Sargent



1798

Jan. 21. Elizabeth daughter of Christopher and Elizabeth Tilden.

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Apr. 8. John Clarke son of William and Rebecca Furnass.

May 20. Charles son of John and Ann Marston.

June 10. Maria and Selinda, two children of Seer and Phillis Kimball.

Sep. 2. Peter Chardon son of P. C. and Ann Brooks.

1797

Apr. 14. Harriet daughter of Joseph Tilden and Sarah his wife.

Memorandum by David Tilden one of the Deacons.

1798

Baptized in the Old Brick meeting-house or first Church so called in Boston, by the Reverend Doctor John Lothrop.⁰

Nov. 4. Charles son of John and Abigail Brown.

Supply Clap son of Samuel and Sarah Thwing.

Dec. 2. Susannah daughter of Ozias and [Lucy]¹ Morse.

1799

Jan. 6. George son of Lemuel and Elizabeth Ludden.

1800

Dec. 14. Francis Mulliken and Warren Manly sons of [blank] and Margaret Woods.

⁰ Minister, Second Church, 1768-1816.

¹ Susannah, daughter of Ozias Morse and Lucy, his wife, born Nov. 24, 1798 (Town Records).

² Eliphalet Porter, D.D., minister in Roxbury, 1782-1833.

³ Peter Thacher, D.D., minister, Brattle Square Church, 1785-1802.

⁴ Became minister of First Church in 1799.

⁵ Added by later hand.

1799

By Doctor Lothrop.

Apr. 7. Mary Carter daughter of William and Hannah Smith.

By Mr Porter² of Roxbury.

May 5. Martha Tilden daughter of Gamaliel and Elizabeth Bradford. Joshua Joseph son of Joshua and Elizabeth Loring.

By Doctor Thatcher.³

May 12. Elizabeth daughter of George and Elizabeth Cade.

By Reverend Mr Emmerson⁴ of Harvard.

June 2. Sarah *Rebecca*⁵ daughter of Edward and Sarah Blake.

By the Reverend Mr Emmerson of Harvard.

June 9. Fitz Henery son of Benjamin and Abigail Homer.

Mar. 3. Laura daughter of William and Elizabeth Harris.

1800

Dec. 28. Catharine daughter of Asa and Catherine Page.

[349] 1799 brought up.

Baptised by Reverend Mr Bradford⁶
of Wiscassett.

July 7. John son of John and [blank]
Greenleaf.

By the Reverend Mr Mellin
of Barnstable.⁷

Aug. 11. William Baker son of Christopher and Elizabeth Tilden.

June 23. George Bradlee son of Allen and Mary Pollock.

Oct. 27. Sarah Fletcher child of Mr David Bradlee.

Nov. 24. John Clarke son of William and Ruth Emerson.

William Emerson son of James and Annette Thwing.

Dec. 22. Ann Hurd daughter of William and Rebecca Farness.

1800

Jan. 5. Horatio Herbert son of Abijah Cheever and wife.

Jan. 12. William Hickling an adult.
Henry son of W. Hickling and wife.

Mar. 30. Benjamin son of Samuel Wheelwright and wife.

Elizabeth Gardner daughter of S. Wheelwright supra.

Apr. 20. Helen Maria daughter of Charles and Sarah Paine.

Eliza and Caroline daughters of Thomas and Ann Voax.

May 4. Sarah, John, Abigail, and Charles children of John and Abigail West.

⁶ Alden Bradford (1765-1843) Harvard, 1786; minister, East Pownalborough, Maine, 1793-1801; Secretary of State in Massachusetts, 1812-1824.

⁷ John Mellen (1752-1828) Harvard, 1770; tutor in Harvard College, 1780-1783; minister, Barnstable, 1783-1800; left because of wife's health and removed to Cambridge; became totally blind; member of Massachusetts Historical Society, 1792-1828. Cf. Massachusetts Historical Society *Proceedings* I, 420-421.

⁸ Sarah struck over.

⁹ Israel struck over.

⁰ Obviously Susannah.

May 23. John son of Daniel Dennison Rogers and Elizabeth his wife.

June 1. Caroline daughter of Joseph Tilden and wife.

July 27. Mary⁸ Tilden daughter of James Phillips and wife.

Sarah Homans daughter of Samuel Thwing and Sarah his wife.

Aug. 10. Sarah Morgan daughter of John Brown and Abigail his wife.

Sep. 7. Jane Randall daughter of John and Anna Marston.

Hannah Tuckerman daughter of Edward and Sarah Blake.

Sep. 14. John Foster son of Joshua⁹ Loring and wife.

Sep. 21. Eliza daughter of Lemuel and Elizabeth Ludden.

James Tilden son of George and Sarah Blanchard.

Oct. 5. Elisa, John, and Charlotte children of John and Betsey Woodbury.

Oct. 12. Joseph son of Joseph and Electa Barrell.

Caroline daughter of Asa and Abigail Bullard.

Frances Ruggles daughter of Obadiah and Nancy Wright.

Nov. 9. Charlotte Gray daughter of Peter Chardon and Ann Brooks.

Nov. 16. James son Deacon James and Mary Morrill.

Ssannah⁰ Lee daughter of William and Hannah Stevenson.

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1801

Mar. 15. John Hancock son of John Hancock and Lucy Abbot.

Apr. 19. David son of Allan and Mary Pollock.

May 4. George Washington son of John Q. and Louisa Catherine Adams. Baptized by Rev. Charles Proby, Chaplain to his Britannick Majesty's Minister at the Court of Berlin.

May 31. Elizabeth daughter of Samuel and Ann Bradford.

June 14. Martha Clap daughter of James and Janette Thwing.

June 28. Elizabeth daughter of Benjamin and Hannah Joy.

July 19. Andrew son of Seth Hastings and Margaret Moore.

July 26. Harriot Pierce daughter of Benjamin and Abigail Homer.

Aug. 2. Israel son of Israel and [blank] Loring. Margaret Richardson daughter of George and Elizabeth Cade.

William son of William and Ruth Emerson.

Aug. 16. John Clarke son of William and Hannah Smith.

Sep. 6. William Cranch son of John and Lucy Greenleaf.

Oct. 11. Elizabeth Price daughter of David W. and Nancy Bradlee.

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Aug. 1. William Lamb son of Joshua and Elizabeth Loring.

Aug. 8. William son of Thomas Carroll and wife.

Oct. 21. Caroline daughter of Edward and Mary Blanchard.

Dec. 19. Elizabeth-Anne daughter of James H. and Elizabeth Foster. Thomas son of Thomas and Charlotte Otis.

Charles son of Robert and Mary Little.

Sally daughter of Benajah and Sally Brigham.

Nov. 1. Susanna Thayer Soper an adult.

Dec. 6. William Allen son of John and Abigail West.

Thomas son of Samuel and Katherine Bradley.

Dec. 20. Rebecca Tilden daughter of James and Mary Phillips.

Dec. 27. Sarah Warner daughter of John Andrews and Sarah Parker.

1802

Jan. 24. Sarah Cushing daughter of Charles and Sarah Paine.

Feb. 28. Edward son of Edward and Sarah Blake.

Charlotte daughter of John and Betsey Woodbury.

Apr. 4. Edward son of Asa and Abigail Bullard.

Apr. 25. William Henry son of William and Rebecca Furness.

May 16. Emily daughter of John and Anna Marston.

July 11. John son of Benjamin and Hannah Joy.

John Boies son of William and Hannah Stevenson.

Mary daughter of David and Sarah Tyler.

July 18. Charles Green son of Edward and Deborah Reynolds.

May 1. Sarah daughter of Daniel and Sarah Henry.

May 8. Mary Love daughter of James and Janette Thwing.

May 15. William Hawes son of Henry Smith and wife.

May 29. John son of John and Catherine Waters.

Ralph Waldo son of William and Ruth Emerson.

June 5. Mary Tilden daughter of James and Mary Phillips.

July 3. John Brooks son of Gamaliel and [blank] Bradford.

1803

Mar. 29. James Winthrop son of James and Elizabeth Andrews.
 Apr. 3. Samuel son of Samuel and Ann Bradford.
 Apr. 10. Sarah daughter of John Brown and wife.
 Apr. 24. John son of Benjamin and Martha Homans.

July 17. John son of John Quincy and Louisa Catherine Adams.
 Aug. 14. Winnifred Tupper daughter of Samuel Wheelwright and wife.
 Aug. 28. Caroline daughter of William Remington and wife.
 Katherine Emily daughter of Samuel and Katherine Bradlee.
 Sep. 4. William Henry son of John W. Blanchard and wife.

[352] Sep. 18. Mary Anne daughter of James Menzies and wife.
 Elizabeth daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth Pollock.
 Sep. 25. Norton Brailsford son of James H. and Mary W. Dykes.
 Oct. 30. Isabella daughter of William and Hannah Stevenson.
 Nov. 13. Maryann daughter of John and Betsey Woodbury.
 Nov. 27. Hannah Allison an adult.
 Dec. 4. Josiah Bradlee an adult.
 Hannah-Matilda daughter of Josiah Bradlee and wife.

1804

Jan. 1. William Lancaster an adult.
 Mary daughter of William Lancaster and wife.
 Maria Osborne daughter of Daniel and Mary Sargent.

Jan. 8. James Armour Allen an adult.
 Mary Ann daughter of James A. Allen and wife.
 Sarah Cordwell daughter of James A. Allen and wife.
 Feb. 5. Mary Roberts an adult.
 Rebecca Roberts an adult.
 Hannah Roberts an adult.
 Feb. 12. Samuel Parkman son of Edward and Sarah Blake.
 Feb. 19. Mary Andrews daughter of John A. Parker and wife.
 Feb. 26. Harriet Augusta daughter of Charles and Sarah Paine.
 Mar. 4. Patrick Fletcher son of David W. Bradlee and wife.
 Apr. 29. Ward Chipman son of P. C. Brooks and Ann his wife.
 May 6. George son of John West and wife.
 June 10. John son of Benjamin and Hannah Joy.

[353] June 17. Francis son of Francis and Elizabeth Noble.
 Mary Barnard of David S. Eaton and wife.
 July 8. George Homer son of Joshua and Elizabeth Loring.
 Aug. 12. Henrietta Andrews daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth Pollock.
 Sep. 2. Hugh son of John McLeod and wife.
 Mary Patch an adult.

Oct. 28. Margaret Stevenson daughter of Gamaliel Bradford and wife.
 Oliver son of Jacob Wendell and wife.
 Nov. 11. Benjamin son of Benajah and Sally Brigham.
 Elizabeth daughter of Robert and Abi.¹ W. Morris.
 Nov. 18. Andrew son of Allan and Mary Pollock.
 Dec. 2. Mary Anne daughter of Elishai and Mary Woods.

¹ *Abigail* (Town Records).

Sep. 23. John son of John Collins Warren and wife.²
 Sep. 30. Martha-Wendell daughter of John H. Abbot and wife.
 Oct. 7. William son of Orange and Hannah Gleason.
 Oct. 21. James Hiller son of James Hiller and Elizabeth Foster.

Elizabeth daughter of Abijah Pitcher and wife.
 Ithamar son of Abijah Pitcher and wife.
 Samuel, William, Grace Austin, David West, Sarah Parker children of Grace Hill.
 Dec. 16. Edward son of Edward Blanchard and wife.

[354] 1805

Feb. 17. Harriot Hinkley daughter of Daniel Messinger and wife.
 William Henry, Eliza Augusta, George Augustus, Charles Edwin children of Ashur and Achsah Benjamin.
 Abigail daughter of George W. and Abigail Otis.
 Mar. 10. James Henry son of James Armour Allen and wife.
 Mar. 17. Sarah daughter of James Carroll and wife.
 Apr. 28. Caroline Matilda daughter of William and Lucy Ward.
 Albigence son of Caleb and Sarah Hayward.
 Charles son of Caleb and Sarah Hayward.
 Lewis son of Caleb and Sarah Hayward.
 William Henry son of Caleb and Sarah Hayward.

May 19. Edward Bliss son of William and Ruth Emerson.
 June 9. Frances Georgeana daughter of George and Bathsheba Trott.
 June 23. Benjamin Pearce son of Benjamin and Abigail Homer.
 Aug. 25. Nathaniel Russell son of N. R. and Susanna Sturgis.
 Gardener son of Samuel Wheelwright and wife.
 Sep. 1. James Tilden son of James and Mary Phillips.
 Sep. 18. Lily Anne daughter of Alexander and Anne Gray.
 Oct. 21. Angus son of Hugh and Barbara McKenzie.
 Nov. 3. Francis Shaw son of Edward and Sarah Blake.
 James Schellebeck son of Jacob and Julia Rogers.

[355] Nov. 10. Oliver Wendell son of Jacob and Hannah Wendell.
 James Johnson son of John Woodbury and wife.
 Dec. 1. Eliza daughter of John Brown and wife.
 Dec. 4. Harriet daughter of Michael Smith and Nancy his wife.
 Dec. 8. Samuel Crocker son of John West and wife.

Mar. 23. Lucy-Ann daughter of Josiah Bradlee and wife.
 Sarah Fletcher Bradlee ward of Josiah Bradlee.
 Mary Etheridge Bradlee ward of Josiah Bradlee.
 William Jones son of Ebenezer and Eunice Hall.
 Mary Jane daughter of Ebenezer and Eunice Hall.

² Susan Powell added in later hand.

Dec. 15. James Thwing son of Benjamin Homans and wife.

Dec. 29. Allan son of Thomas Pollock and wife.

1806

Jan. 9. Katherine daughter of John and Katherine Waters.

Jan. 26. Harriet Downes daughter of Edmund and Harriet Munroe.

Feb. 9. Abigail Brown daughter of Peter C. Brooks and wife.

Elizabeth Bradford daughter of Joshua and Elizabeth Loring.

Feb. 23. Elizabeth daughter of Benjamin and Hannah Joy.

Adeline daughter of Orange and Hannah Gleason.

Apr. 6. Katherine-Louisa Smith daughter of J. H. and Elizabeth Foster.

May 4. Joshua Thomas son of William and Hannah Stevenson.

May 11. Nathaniel son of Samuel and Sarah Thwing.

June 2. Mary Augusta daughter of Jonathan Heywood and wife.

June 16. William son of Michael and Nancy Smith.

June 22. Elizabeth Bowen daughter of Penuel B. and Elizabeth Rogers.

July 27. Susan Powell daughter of John C. Warren and Ann his wife.³

[356] Aug. 10. James son of James Whittemore and wife.

Aug. 31. Joseph Huntington son of J. T. Buckingham and wife.

Sep. 7. Andrew son of Allan and Mary Pollock.

Oct. 6. Eugene Adelbert son of Benjamin P. Homer and wife.

Oct. 13. William-Green son of David S. and Mary Eaton.

Oct. 19. John Hancock son of John Hancock Abbot and wife.

Leonora Cotton daughter of Susanna Keys.

Oct. 26. Martha Stinson daughter of James and Mary Phillips.

Nov. 23. Henry Parkman son of N. R. and Susan Sturgis.

Dec. 21. Mary daughter of Benajah Brigham and wife.

Elizabeth daughter of Rachel Upshal.

1807

Jan. 4. Foster Cruft son of Daniel Messinger and wife.

Jan. 24. William Abner son of Jacob Rogers and Julia his wife.

Feb. 22. Benjamin Robbins an adult. George Lyman Cade son of B. Robbins and wife.

William Moore Durant son of Moses Barnard and wife.

Mar. 5. Henry son of Peter C. Brooks and Ann his wife.

Mar. 12. George son of George and Bathsheba Trott.

Frances son of John and Frances Bumstead.

Mar. 15. Joanna daughter of Jonathan and Joanna Howard.

William Wallis son of Jonathan and Joanna Howard.

Mary-Ann daughter of Jonathan and Joanna Howard.

Caroline daughter of Jonathan and Joanna Howard.

Mar. 22. Sarah daughter of William Lankester and wife.

[357] Mar. 29. George Partridge son of Gamaliel Bradford and wife.

Aug. 2. John Waldo (Spurr) son of Abraham Gibson's wife.⁴

³ Susan Powell substituted for *Ann, his wife*, by later hand.

⁴ Abraham Gibson married March 3, 1805 Mrs. Sarah Norcross Spurr.

Apr. 19. Emily Augusta daughter of Edward Reynolds and wife.

Apr. 26. Joseph Barrell son of Benjamin Joy and Hannah his wife.

May 10. Sarah Elizabeth daughter of Nathanael W. and Sarah Appleton.

June 7. Robert Bulkeley son of William and Ruth Emerson.

John Parkman son of Edward and Sarah Blake.

Mary Reynolds daughter of Joseph and Mary Newell.

Mary Smith daughter of James H. and Elizabeth Foster.

Frink son of Frink and Nancy Roberts.

July 5. Samuel son of Samuel Wheelwright and wife.

Sarah Spring daughter of Asa Richardson and wife.

William son of James A. Allen and wife.

July 26. Hannah Elizabeth daughter of William and Hannah Stevenson.

Susan (Spurr) daughter Abraham Gibson's wife.

Charlotte Lovell daughter of Abraham Gibson and wife.

Aug. 9. David Greene son of David Francis and wife.

Charles Stephen son of David Francis and wife.

Aug. 16. Ann Louisa daughter of Ebenezer and Eunice Hall.

Aug. 23. Thomas son of John and Mehitable Homans.

Lucy Watson daughter of James and Esther Fillis.

Sep. 6. Mary-Anne daughter of John West and wife.

Sep. 13. Charles Francis son of John Quincy and Louisa Catherine Adams.

Sep. 27. Frederick Hall son of Josiah and Lucy Bradlee.

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Adult Persons baptised though not come into full Communion.

[*Vid. page 137.⁵ Vote etc.*]

1736. Sep. 12. Fidella a Negro-Woman belonging to Mrs Ballantine.

1737. July 31. Robert Thomas.

1740. Aug. 31. Dorothy Browne.

1741. Apr. 26. Lancaster, Mr Swetser's Negro Man.

Caesar, Mr Daniel's Negro Man.

Jane, Captain Tyng's Negro Woman.

Flora, Mr Thomas Salter's Negro Woman.

1741. June 7. Cato, the Widow Buttolph's Negro Man.

1743. Apr. 10. Cato, the Widow Hubbard's Negro Man.

⁵ *i.e.* p. 172-173.

1807

Sep. 27. William Henry son of Lemuel Ludden and wife.

Charles son of John Woobury and wife.

Oct. 25. Joanna Tilden daughter of William and Rebecca Furness.

Jacob, William, Nathaniel and Mico children of Jacob Wendell and wife.

Nov. 8. Isaac Smith son of Benjamin Homans and wife.

1808

Jan. 3. Frances Boott daughter of James and Janette Thwing.

Jan. 24. Henry son of Elded and Hannah Brown.

Feb. 28. Anna daughter of Parker Emerson and wife.

1743. Dec. 25. Sū,⁶ Negro Woman of Rev. Mr L'Mercier's.⁷

1744. Nov. 11. Elisabeth Wing, about 80 Years old.

1749. Oct. 1. Sarah Addlington.

1756. Mar. 21. Phyllis, Dr Chauncy's Negro Woman.

1756. May 23. Sambo, Mrs Powel's Negro-Man.

1758. Dec. 10. Mary Foggo Wife of William Foggo.

1772. Mar. 29. Nebo, a free Negroe Man, formerly servant to our late brother Fairfield.

1773. Dec. 26. Elisabeth wife of James Lamb.

1774. Feb. 13. Belinder, Mr Benjamin Austin's negroe woman.

Elizabeth daughter of James Whittemore and wife.

Mar. 20. James Sullivan son of W. Wood and wife.

William son of W. Wood and wife.

Apr. 3. Priscilla Phillips adult.

James son of James and Mary Phillips.

Samuel Parkman son of Nathanael R. and Susan Sturgis.

July 24. William Emerson son of James H. and Elizabeth Foster.

Charles Cushing son of Charles and Sarah Paine.

July 31. John son of John C. and Susan Warren.

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Adult Persons that have publickly recognised the Baptismal Covenant.

1733. Nov. 11. Nicholas Fessenden.

1734/5. Feb. 2. Thomas Ethridge.

1734/5. Mar. 23. Joseph Tarbox.

1736. Aug. 22. Elisabeth Valentine wife of Thomas Valentine.

1736. Oct. 24. Rebekah Smalledge wife of [Benjamin Smalledge].⁸

1737. June 19. John Goffe.

1739. July 1. James Lowden.

1739. Oct. 14. William Allen.

1739. Dec. 16. Richard Cotta.

1740. May 25. Mary Blair wife of Matthew Blair.

1740. Sep. 14. Solomon Hearsey and Anna his wife.

1741. June 7. Hannah (the Wife of) John Lee.

1741. June 28. Martha (the Wife of Josiah) Coxe.

1755. May 25. Hannah (second wife of Israel) Ellingwood.

1755. Aug. 24. Nathanael-Ray Thomas.

1756. Feb. 15. Robert McNaire.

1756. Apr. 25. John Stover.

1756. May 30. Elisabeth Mackay (daughter of Mr M.⁹ Lowell).

1757. Nov. 20. Job Wheelwright.

1758. Jan. 22. John Cunningham.

1758. Sep. 24. John Leverett.

1758. Oct. 15. Joseph Day.

1758. Nov. 19. Susanna Torrey.

1760. Sep. 28. William Powell.

1761. Jan. 4. Edward Blanchard.

1761. Mar. 8. Elisabeth Powers.

1761. July 26. Benjamin Homer.

1762. Mar. 28. Sarah Wendal.

1762. Sep. 29. Ann Dole (daughter of Mr Williston).

1763. July 3. Jeremiah Russel.

1763. Aug. 7. Mary Hill (daughter of Mr Joseph Lowden).

1766. Jan. 26. Anna Phillips.

⁶ *Susannah* or *Susan*.

⁷ Andrew LeMercier (c.1692-1764) French Huguenot; educated at University of Geneva; minister, French Protestant Church in Boston, 1715-1748; resided, Dorchester, 1722-1764.

⁸ Benjamin and Rebekah Smallege had Martha, born Dec. 2, 1722 (Town Records).

⁹ Should read *Ebenezer*. Cf. D. R. Lowell. *Genealogy of Lowells of America*. Rutland, 1899, p. 18.

1741. Oct. 25. Elisabeth Nicholson junior.
 1742. Nov. 21. Susanna Ellingwood.
 1742. Dec. 19. Hannah Ruggles (wife of Samuel R.).
 1743. July 10. Charles Deming.
 1744. June 3. James Williams.
 1744. July 29. Benjamin Austin.
 1745. June 2. John Williston.
 1746. Apr. 20. Eleanor Kidder.
 1746. Aug. 24. Joshua Blanchard junior.
 1746. Oct. 26. Isaac Daffin.
 1746/7. Mar. 8. Deborah Whitworth.
 1746/7. Mar. 15. John Rogers.
 1747. July 5. John Shepard.
 1748. May 1. Joseph Savel junior.
 1748. Dec. 11. William-Blair Townsend.
 1749. June 25. Faith Cookson.
 1749. Sep. 10. Benjamin Allen.
 1750. Apr. 1. James Rickard.
 1750/1. Mar. 17. Thomas Rand (Bookseller).
 1751. Apr. 28. Simon Tuffts.
 1752. Nov. 5. Thomas Hartley junior.
 1753. Dec. 23. John Pitman.
 1754. Feb. 10. Esther Doggett.
 1754. Apr. 28. Benjamin Hannahs.
 1754. May 26. Ebenezer Swan junior.
 1754. Oct. 13. Samuel Warden junior.

1766. Oct. 12. Israel Loring.
 1767. Aug. 23. Bartholemey Rand.
 1769. Feb. 5. Cuthbert Englesby.
 1769. Mar. 9. Timothy White.
 1769. July 23. Susanna Frasier.
 1770. Jan. 21. Jonathan Houghton.
 1770. Sep. 23. Anna Wright.
 1772. Nov. 29. Samuel Ruggles.
 1773. Aug. 8. Joseph Lowden.
 1774. Oct. 30. Robert Rand.

1808

July 31. Melinda Alvord daughter of Joseph T. Buckingham and wife.
 Susan Anne Farmer daughter of the wife of Thomas Farmer.
 Abigail Brewer daughter of Thomas Farmer and wife.
 Sep. 15. Thomas Bayley son of John Fox and wife.
 Oct. 9. Samuel Cobb son of Benjamin Parrot Homer and wife.
 Harriet Downes daughter of Lemuel P. and Clarissa Grosvenor.
 Oct. 23. Charles son of Benjamin and Hannah Joy.
 Oct. 30. Elizabeth Gardner daughter of Samuel and S. Wheelwright.
 Susanna Gray daughter of Benjamin and M. Homans.

[360] Nov. 20. Charles son of John and Elizabeth Woodbury.
 Nov. 27. James Henry son of Edward and Sarah Blake.
 John Clarke son of James and Esther Fillis.
 George son of John I. and Elizabeth Linzee.
 Dec. 1. William Warland son of W. W. and H. W. Clapp.

1809

Jan. 1. Charles Chauncey son of William and Ruth Emerson.
 Mary daughter of Caleb and Sarah Hayward.

Feb. 26. John Ballard an adult.
 John son of John and Louisa Ballard.
 Apr. 2. Judith Bussey daughter of Penuel B. and Eliza Rogers.
 Apr. 9. Eliza-Anne daughter of Daniel L. and Mary Gibbens.
 Apr. 14. Sarah-Bass daughter of Enoch and Sarah Bartlett.
 June 25. Maryann Frances daughter of William and Hannah Stephenson.
 James Richardson son of Moses and Susanna Barnard.
 July 9. Susan-Hiller daughter of James H. and Elizabeth Foster.
 July 23. Ebenezer son of Ebenezer and Sarah Rhoades.

George son of John and Hannah Richardson.

Jan. 8. Elizabeth McIsaac and Elizabeth^o Hall.

Jan. 29. Susanna Hews daughter of Daniel and Susanna Messinger.

Mary Lankester daughter of Benajah Brigham and wife.

Aug. 6. Abel son of Abel and Sarah Baker.

Katherine daughter of John and Elizabeth Rayner.

Elizabeth daughter of John and Elizabeth Rayner.

[361] Aug. 6. Lucy Haynes an adult.

Aug. 24. Elizabeth daughter of John and Abigail West.

Oct. 1. Charles William Sanger, Mary Sanger, Katherine Sanger, Adults.

Eunice, Mary, Roffe daughters of John and Susannah Robbins, blacks.

Oct. 15. Five children of Richard and Venus Dodge, blacks.

Oct. 22. Warren son of Abraham Gibson and wife.

Nov. 5. Dorcas Clarke daughter of Windsor Fay and wife.

Nov. 12. Anna Dickson daughter of John and Mehitable Homans.

Rebecca Copeland daughter of Henry Ayling and wife.

Nov. 19. Nancy Johnson daughter of Frink and Nancy Roberts.

Nov. 26. Harriot daughter of Samuel and Nancy Floyd.

Dec. 24. Charlotte Bond daughter of James and Nancy Whittemore.

John Pond son of Thomas and Nancy Farmer.

1810

Jan. 7. Lucy Hall daughter of Josiah and Lucy Bradlee.

Elizabeth daughter of John and Sarah Snelling.

Mar. 4. Charles Baker son of George and Bathsheba Trott.

Mar. 18. Thomas son of Thomas Taylor and wife.

Augustus of Thomas Taylor and wife.

Sarah Anne daughter of Thomas Taylor and wife.

Elizabeth daughter of Thomas Taylor and wife.

Mar. 25. Katherine Snow daughter of David and Mary Francis.

Georgian Albertina daughter of Benjamin P. Homer and wife.

Apr. 29. James Bowdoin son of John G. Holland and wife.

[362] May 6. Charles Parsons son of Levi and Harriet Bliss.

May 13. William Simeon son of William and Mary Keith.

Caroline Holmes daughter of Isaac and Susan Hall.

Charlotte daughter of John and Dinah Dodge, Blacks.

Anna Archbald daughter of Benjamin Homans and wife.

July 22. Hannah Snellings daughter of Jacob Wendell and wife.

Aug. 5. Lucy Keating daughter of Henry H. Tuckerman and Ruth L. his wife.

Aug. 7. Eliza Anne daughter of Joseph and Sally Johnson.

Sep. 9. George son of Samuel Wheelwright and wife.

^o A pencil note of much later date substitutes *Susan*.

May 27. Frances Dana daughter of Nathanael Goddard and wife.
 Elizabeth Gooch daughter of Ebenezer O. Fifield and wife.
 Harriet Downes daughter of Lemuel P. Grosvenor and wife.
 June 3. Emeline and Adeline twin daughters of Lemuel Ludden and wife.
 June 17. Archibald A. Webb son of Archibald and Dorcas Young.
 Mary Gore daughter of William and Maria Goodwin.
 July 1. John Quincy Adams son of James H. Foster and Elizabeth his wife.
 July 15. Edwin son of Joseph T. Buckingham and wife.

Sep. 30. Margaret daughter of William and Hannah Stevenson.
 Oct. 7. Robert Reed son of Jonathan and Joanna Howard.
 Eliza¹ Anne daughter of William Lankester and wife.
 Oct. 14. Caroline Eliza daughter of Thomas and Charlotte Otis.
 Oct. 21. William Kirkby son of William and Mary Ann Tucker.
 Theodore son of Joseph T. Blanchard and wife.
 Oct. 28. Maria daughter of William and Maia² Goodwin.
 Nov. 4. Elizabeth of Moses Barnard and wife.

[363] Dec. 2. Susanna Parkman daughter of Edward and Sarah Blake.

1811

Jan. 20. Mary King daughter of Daniel L. and Mary Gibbens.
 Mary daughter of Eldad and Hannah Brown.
 Feb. 24. Julia Bradford daughter of Ralph and Judith C. Huntington.
 Mar. 24. Jonathan Mason son of John Collins and Susan Powell Warren.
 Apr. 7. Mary Caroline daughter of William and Ruth Emerson.
 Apr. 8. Charles son of Benjamin and Hannah Joy.
 Apr. 28. Edward Oliver son of Daniel and Susanna Messinger.
 Edward Augustus Morrill grandson of William Morrill and wife.³

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¹ Sally struck over.

² Probably Maria.

³ Here end the entries in the hand of William Emerson who died May 12, 1811.

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after the Decease of

Reverend William Emerson

1811

By Reverend Mr Ripley.⁴

May 12. Sarah Ann daughter of Jacob
Kendall and Wife.

Sarah Learnnd daughter of Thomas
Farmer and Wife.

By President Kirkland.⁵

May 26. Lucy daughter of Benajah
Brigham and Wife.

By Reverend Dr Porter.⁶

June 16. Elbridge Gerry son of Frink
Roberts and Wife.

By Reverend Dr Ware.⁷

July 21. Charles son of Asa Richardson
and Wife.

Sep. 1. Meriah Augusta daughter of
John Rayner and Wife.

William Emerson son of Abel Baker
and Wife.

By Reverend Mr Simpkins.⁸

Nov. 3. Susan daughter of William
Blanchard and Wife.

Lucy daughter of Samuel Floyd and
Wife.

1812

By Reverend Dr Ware.

Jan. 5. Martha daughter of William
Stevenson and Wife.

By Reverend Mr Holley.⁹

Jan. 5. Jonas Prouty an Adult.

George Bender son of Jonas Prouty
and wife.

By Reverend Dr Ware.

Feb. 2. James and Jannett son and
daughter of John Woodbury and
Wife.

Sarah daughter of William Keith and
Wife.

Sarah Ann daughter of Levi Bliss
and Wife.

Elizabeth Dexter daughter of Wil-
liam Goodwin and wife.

Mar. 1. Martha daughter of Charles
Curtis and wife.

By Reverend Mr Pierce⁰ of Brookline.

Mar. 8. James Thwing son of John
Furnass and wife.

By Reverend Dr Porter.

Sep. 6. William son of Frink and Nancy
Roberts.

By Reverend Mr Coleman.¹

Oct. 4. Susan Moore daughter of Moses
Barnard and Wife.

⁴ Ezra Ripley, D.D. (1751-1841) Harvard, 1776; minister, Concord, Massachusetts, 1778-1841. His wife was the mother of Rev. William Emerson, minister of the First Church, 1799-1811.

⁵ John Thornton Kirkland, D.D., LL.D. (1770-1840) Harvard, 1789; minister, New South Church in Boston, 1794-1810; president, Harvard University, 1810-1828.

⁶ See above, p. 433.

⁷ Henry Ware, S.T.D. (1764-1845) Harvard, 1785; minister, First Parish, Hingham, 1787-1805; Hollis Professor of Divinity, Harvard University, 1805-1840; and emeritus, 1840-1845.

⁸ John Simpkins (1768-1843) Harvard, 1786; minister, Brewster, 1791-1831.

⁹ Horace Holley, LL.D. (1781-1827) Yale, 1803; minister, Hollis Street Church in Boston, 1809-1818; president of Transylvania University, 1818-1827.

⁰ John Pierce, D.D. (1773-1849) Harvard, 1793; minister, Brookline, Massachusetts, 1797-1849.

¹ Henry Coleman (1785-1849) minister, Second Church in Hingham, Massachusetts, 1807-1820; Salem, 1825-1831; later Agricultural Commissioner for Massachusetts.

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By Reverend Joseph Tuckerman.²
 Oct. 18. Joseph Harriott son of David Francis and Wife.
 Edgar son of Joseph Tinker Buckingham and Wife.

By Reverend Joseph McKean.³

Oct. 25. Nathaniel and Benjamin sons of Nathaniel and Lucretia Goddard.
 Daniel Lewis son of Daniel Lewis Gibbins and Wife.

By Reverend Dr Ware.

Nov. 1. Sarah Jane daughter of Jonathan and Joanna Howard.
 Thomas Goffe son of Thomas Farmer and wife.

By Reverend Dr Ware.

Dec. 6. William Emerson son of William Lankaster and wife.

By Reverend Doctor Ware.

Dec. 13. Elizabeth Willard daughter of Edward and Sarah Blake.
 Joseph Putnam Bradlee an Adult.
 Joseph son of Joseph P. Bradlee and Wife.

1813

By Reverend Doctor Ware.

Jan. 3. James Phillips son of Samuel Abbot and Wife.

By Reverend Doctor Ware.

Mar. 7. Henry son of John Woodbury and Sarah his Wife.
 George Washington son of Daniel and Susanna Messinger.
 Eldad son of Eldad and Hannah Brown.

The baptisms in the First Church from May 1, 1811 to July 1813 were recorded by the subscriber, one of the Deacons of said Church.

James Morrill

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1813

July 18. George Gilman son of Abraham Gibson and Wife.
 July 25. Susan Emmons daughter of Allan Pollock and Wife.
 Aug. 1. Sidney son of Joseph T. Blanchard and Wife.
 Aug. 29. William Emerson son of Samuel Wheelwright and Wife.
 Oct. Benjamin and Sarah Warden children of Benjamin Robbins and Wife.

By Reverend Mr Gray.⁴

Oct. 10. Abigail Smith daughter of James H. and Elizabeth Foster.

1814

By Reverend Mr McKean.

Jan. 2. William son of Asa Richardson and Wife.
 Jan. 16. Maria Achsah, John Bryant, and James 3 Children of Asher and Nancy Benjamin.
 Mar. 13. George James son of Charles Curtis and Wife.

By Reverend Mr Thatcher.⁵

Mar. 27. Edmund Fowle son of Joseph P. Bradlee and Wife.

² Joseph Tuckerman, D.D. (1778-1840) Harvard, 1798; minister, Chelsea, Massachusetts, 1801-1826; minister-at-large in Boston, 1826-1840.

³ Joseph McKean, D.D. (1776-1818) Harvard, 1794; minister, Milton, Massachusetts, 1797-1804; Boylston Professor of Rhetoric and Oratory, Harvard University, 1809-1818.

⁴ Thomas Gray, D.D. (1772-1847) Harvard, 1790; minister, Jamaica Plain, 1792-1847.

⁵ Samuel Cooper Thacher (1785-1817) Harvard, 1804; minister, New South Church in Boston, 1811-1817.

Andrew Augustus son of Isaac Hall
and Wife.

By Reverend Mr McKean.

By Reverend Mr Fisk.⁶
Oct. 31. James son of Levi Bliss and
Wife.

May 1. Samuel son of Samuel and
Nancy Floyd.
June 8. John son of John Fay and wife.
June 12. Nancy daughter of Frink and
Nancy Roberts.

By Reverend Mr McKeane.
Nov. 7. James Bowdoin son of Josiah
Bradlee and Wife.
Charlotte daughter of Benajah Briga-
ham and Wife.

Aug. 7. Samuel Hammond son of Daniel
L. Gibbens and Wife.
By the Pastor of the Church.⁷
Aug. 13. Henry Whitney and Edward
Stearns twin Children of John and
Betsy Bellows.

[367] Nov. 6. William Henry son of
Robert Elwell and Wife.

October 1814 to January 1815, were
recorded by the Subscriber, one of the
deacons of that church.

James Morrill

Nov. 13. Caleb Alexander son of Joseph
T. Buckingham and wife.

Mar. 16.⁸ John Torrey and Benjamin
Eddy children of John and Frances
Morse.

Dec. 4. Mary Caroline daughter of Wil-
liam and Mary Goddard.
Louisa May daughter of Nathanael
and Lucretia Goddard.

Mar. 19. Anna Maria daughter of
Joseph F. Bordman.
John son of John Woodbury.
William Baxter son of Joseph T.
Blanchard.

By Reverend Mr Holley.
Dec. 18. Hannah Gooch daughter of
Eldad Brown and Wife.

Apr. 2. Susan Mitchell an adult, wife
of Isaac Hall.

By Reverend Mr Thacher.
Dec. 25. Mary Moore daughter of
David Francis and Wife.

Joanna and Priscilla Langdon adults,
daughters of Joanna Frothingham.
Ephraim Langdon an adult, son of
Joanna Frothingham.

May 7. Sarah wife of Samuel Wheel-
wright.

1815
By Reverend Mr McKean.

May 21. James Freeman and William
Reynolds sons of Archibald Young
and wife.
Charles Langdon son of Abraham
Gibson.

The Baptisms in the First church from

⁶ Perhaps Elisha Fisk (1769-1851) Brown, 1795; minister, Wrentham, 1799-1851.

⁷ i.e. John Lovejoy Abbot.

⁸ William Ellery Channing, D.D. (1780-1842) Harvard, 1798; minister, Federal
Street Church in Boston, 1803-1842.

⁹ Entries beginning at this point are by N. L. Frothingham.

[368] July 2. Mary Phillips daughter of John H. Abbot and wife.
 July 19. Peter Allen and Mary Frances his daughter.
 Sep. 3. Harriet daughter of Levi Bliss. George son of John Fay.
 Oct. 22. Moses Hunt son of Moses Barnard.
 Oct. 29. Elizabeth Varnam daughter of William F. Brazier.
 Dec. 3. Eliza Avery daughter of John Lilly.

1816

Jan. 7. Mary Eliza daughter of Henry Cutter.
 Caleb Thomas son of Charles and Anna Curtis.
 Jan. 21. George son of Benajah Brigham and wife—by Dr Holmes.¹
 Feb. 4. Alexander son of Alexander Vannevar and wife.
 Feb. 5. Abby Frothingham daughter of Francis and Eliza Lincoln.
 Feb. 11. Rebecca daughter of Joseph P. Bradlee and wife.
 Mar. 20. John Alfred son of Amos and Martha Fitch.
 Mar. 24. Henry son of Nathaniel Sever and wife.

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1817

Jan. 5. Joseph McKean son of Samuel Floyd and Wife.
 Harriet Louisa daughter of Daniel L. Gibbens and wife.
 Jan. 12. Robert Francis son of Robert Elwell and wife, by Dr McKean.
 John Henry son of William Lankester and wife.
 John Albert son of Joseph T. Buckingham and wife.

Apr. 28. James Jeremiah son of James Allen and wife.
 May 5. Charles Cross son of Moses Barnard and wife.
 June 25. Rebecca Ann daughter of Ebenezer O. Fifield and wife.
 July 7. George son of Frink Roberts and wife.
 Aug. 15. Sarah Ann, Tabitha and Esther daughters of James R. and Esther Goodspeed.
 Aug. 24. Nathaniel Hurd, William, Elizabeth Hurd, Mary Hurd, Rebecca Thwing and Caroline children of Nathaniel H. Furness and wife.
 Sep. 8. Sarah Ann daughter of Peter Allen and wife.
 Oct. 20. Ebenezer son of Ebenezer and Sophia S. Frothingham.
 Nov. 17. James Fox son of J. F. Richardson and wife.
 Nov. 29. Charles, Mary, and William children of Theodore and Lydia Lyman.
 Dec. 26. Sophia and Israel Augustus children of Israel Thorndike Jr. and wife.

¹ Abiel Holmes, D.D. (1763-1837) Yale, 1783; minister, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 1792-1837.

² Thomas Prentiss (1793-1817) Harvard, 1811; minister, Second Church, Charlestown, 1817. Son of Thomas Prentiss, D.D. (1747-1814) of Medfield.

Feb. 16. Dudley son of Isaac and Susan Hall.
 Feb. 26. Sarah Elizabeth daughter of Naaman Hersey and wife.
 Apr. 6. George son of John Fay.
 William Rigby son of Williams Bradford.
 May 6. Eliza Henderson daughter of William H. Bordman, adult.
 May 11. Hannah daughter of Jackson Neal.
 June 1. Anna Maria Brigham daughter of Joseph F. Boardman.
 June 15. John Francis and Aaron Dexter sons of William Homer.

Sep. 21. James Hutchins son of Isaac Danforth.
 Benjamin Barnard and Charles Henry children of Benjamin B. Appleton.
 Oct. 12. Caroline Clark daughter of Alexander Vannever, by Rev. Dr Prince.³
 Nov. 9. Charles Whitton son of Charles Bowker.
 Benjamin Pilsbury son of John and Jane Bowman.
 Nov. 11. Charlotte daughter of William H. Bordman, adult.

[370] Nov. 16. Edward and Emily children of Eldad and Hannah Brown.

Alfred Augustus son of Frink and Nancy Roberts.

Dec. 28. Eliza Cobb daughter of Silas Packard.

1818

Jan. 4. Alfred son of Samuel and Sarah Wheelwright.

Feb. 15. Elizabeth daughter of John Woodbury, by Dr Kirkland.

Mar. 1. John Bumstead son of George and Bathsheba Trott.
 Eliza Freeman an adult.

Mar. 15. George Henry son of Henry and Eliza Cutter.

Mar. 29. Susan daughter of Charles and Anna Curtis.

Apr. 19. Sarah Smith daughter of Asher Benjamin.

May 3. Elisabeth Phillips an adult.
 Elizabeth Andrews daughter of Eliza-

beth and Benj. C. Phillips.
 Susan Ann daughter of Moses Barnard.

May 10. George Hunnewell son of Peter T. and Rachel B. Tilden.

June 21. Abraham Augustus son of Abraham Call.

Aug. 2. Samuel Leonard son of Matilda and Samuel Leonard Abbot.

Sep. 1. Fanny wife of Joseph Otis—
 and Sarah Russel, Joseph Russell,
 Fanny, James, Catharine Amory,
 John Amory, and Mary Pilsberry
 children of Joseph and Fanny Otis.

Sep. 24. Elizabeth Hannah daughter of William Tuckerman.

Sep. 27. Amelia Dolliver daughter of Benjamin Huntington.

 William son of Jacob Wendell.

Oct. 4. Daniel Messinger son of James F. Richardson.

 Abby daughter of Jonathan Howard.

Dec. 13. Mary Adeline daughter of Robert Elwell.

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Mar. 21. Samuel son of Samuel and Eliza Henshaw.

Oct. 24. Maria Louisa and Elizabeth Upton children of Edward White.

Nov. 28. George Franklin son of Isaac Danforth.

³ John Prince, LL.D. (1751-1836) Harvard, 1776; minister, First Church in Salem, 1779-1836.

Mar. 7. Sarah Russell widow of Joseph Russell.

Apr. 4. Helen Curtis daughter of Joseph P. Bradlee.

Thomas Bumstead son of Nathanael L. and Ann G. Frothingham.

May 2. Eliza Clark daughter of John Fay.

June 6. Henry son of Josiah and Joanna Bradlee.

Thomas Henry, Mary Ann, George Warner, and Charles children of Thomas West.

July 18. Charles Alfred son of Joseph T. Buckingham.

Elizabeth daughter of Asa Richardson.

Aug. 1. Joseph Lyman son of Samuel and Eliza Henshaw.

Sep. 17. Charles James and Sally Emeline children of Matthew Mede and Sally Hunt.

Oct. 17. [Blank] Colburn son of Eldad and Hannah Brown.

Susan daughter of Joseph and Fanny Otis.

Thomas Dodge son of William Lancaster.

1820

Jan. 2. Louisa Whitton daughter of Charles Bowker.

Adeline daughter of John Lilly.

Jan. 16. Alfred Augustus son of Frink and Nancy Roberts.

Feb. 6. Charles Saunders son of Benjamin Huntington.

Mar. 5. Edward Reynolds son of Ephraim and Jane T. Hall.

Levi son of Levi Bliss.

Edward Casey son of Samuel and Sarah Wheelwright.

Mar. 22. Rachel Elizabeth daughter of Peter T. and Rachel B. Tilden.

May 7. Amasa son of Nathaniel Sever.

July 30. Charles Henry son of Abraham Call.

[372] Oct. 20. John Henry son of William Mc Clennen.

Nov. 5. William Pilsberry son of Benjamin C. Phillips.

Nov. 19. Ebenezer son of Ebenezer and Sophia S. Frothingham.

Nov. 23. Joanna Frothingham and Langdon Frothingham children of Francis and Elizabeth Lincoln.

Dec. 3. Henry Ward son of Samuel L. and Matilda Abbot.

Ellen Louisa daughter of George and Bathsheba Trott.

Dec. 24. George Billings son of George M. Gibbens.

1821

Jan. 28. Francis Greenwood son of N. L. and Ann G. Frothingham.

James Galen son of Isaac and Susan B. Otis.

Mar. 4. Jane Paine daughter of Joseph P. Bradlee.

July 8. George Lyman son of Moses Barnard.

July 15. Elizabeth Richardson daughter of George L. and Eliza Cade.

Noah Alline son of Noah and Elizabeth Doggett.

Aug. 12. Charles Edward son of Joseph T. and Melinda Buckingham.

Frances Sophia daughter of Benjamin Huntington.

Sep. 22. Martha Hall daughter of Charles Bowker.

Sep. 30. Ann Elizabeth daughter of Alfred Curtis.

Oct. 7. Henry Augustus son of John Fay.

Nov. 4. Horace son of Henry and Eliza Cutter.

Nov. 18. Susan Maria daughter of Isaac and Susan M. Hall.

Dec. 16. George Augustus son of Eldad and Hannah Brown.

Apr. 15. Frances Maria daughter of Daniel L. Gibbens.
 May 20. William Augustus son of Ephraim and Jane T. Hall.

[373] Apr. 21. John Bumstead son of Francis and Eliza Lincoln.
 Aug. 25. Adeline Ellen daughter of Ephraim and Jane T. Hall.
 Sep. 1. Andrew son of Frink and Nancy Roberts.
 Oct. 20. James Loring, Jane Ellen, Frederick Thaxter and Frances Ann children of James Hooper.
 Nov. 10. William Hillegas son of Abraham Call.

1823

Feb. 2. Octavius Brooks son of N. L. and Ann G. Frothingham.
 Charles son of Joseph and Fanny Otis.
 Elizabeth Miller daughter of Daniel L. Gibbens.
 Mary Otis Pilberry.
 Mar. 9. Mary Ann Elizabeth daughter of George M. Gibbens.
 Apr. 20. John Robert son of Robert Elwell.
 May 4. Ann Gorham daughter of Edward and Charlotte G. Everett.
 Elizabeth daughter of Charles Bowker.
 May 18. Sarah Thwing daughter of James Sharp.

[374] Apr. 4. Charles Fuller son of Joel Fay.
 May 2. William Henry son of George M. Gibbens.
 June 6. John Quincy Adams son of Frink and Nancy Roberts.
 June 13. Elizabeth Otis daughter of Otis and Eliza Fairbanks.
 July 4. Matilda Campbell daughter of Samuel L. and Matilda Abbot.

⁴ i.e. daughter.

1822

Mar. 3. Sarah Elizabeth daughter of John Lilly.
 Mar. 17. Isabel Eustis daughter of David Francis.

May 25. Eliza Fay daughter of Levi Bliss.
 Aug. 3. Augustus Niles son of Peter Thacher Tilden.
 Aug. 31. Ebenezer Chadwick with his two children Christopher Champlin and Margaret Grant.
 Sep. 28. William Henry and Francis Gray children of Peter Allen.
 Oct. 5. Thomas George son of Williams Bradford.
 Oct. 19. Mary Bradlee son⁴ of William P. and Eliza G. Winchester.
 Benjamin Loring son of John and Charlotte S. Hooper.
 Oct. 29. James Augustus son of Benjamin B. Appleton.
 Nov. 2. David Tilden son of Isaac Otis.

1824

Feb. 1. William Hicks son of Henry and Eliza Cutter.
 Mary Jane daughter of Isaac Danforth.
 Mar. 7. Francis William son of Joseph T. and Melinda Buckingham.
 Apr. 4. Mary Eliza daughter of John Fay.

Oct. 2. Charlotte Brooks daughter of Edward and Charlotte G. Everett.
 Thomas Downes Bradlee son of William P. and Eliza G. Winchester.
 Oct. 9. Helen daughter of George M. Gibbens.

1826

Jan. 22. John Sewell son of John and Charlotte S. Hooper.

Aug. 22. Charles Doggett Cole son of Charles and Mary A. Cole.

Sep. 5. Catherine Mary daughter of Benjamin B. Appleton.

Sep. 19. Ellen Louisa daughter of Isaac and Susan M. Hall.

Nov. 17. Charles Edward son of Samuel and Sarah Wheelwright.

Nov. 28. Frederica Warren daughter of Nathaniel and Lucretia Goddard.

Benjamin Apthorp son of Benjamin A. and Lucretia D. Gould.

1825

Mar. 20. Mary Elwell daughter of Francis Jenks.

Apr. 10. Daniel Lewis son of Daniel L. Gibbens.

John Jones son of Ebenezer Chadwick.

Edward son of Nathaniel L. and Ann G. Frothingham.

May 1. Theodore Russell son of Stephen Glover.

June 26. Leonard son of Charles Bowker.

July 17. Levi son of Levi Bliss.

July 24. Theodore Wyman son of Joseph Thayer.

[375] Sep. 9. James Lloyd son of Samuel L. and Matilda Abbot.

Sep. 23. Elizabeth Jones daughter of Ebenezer and Elizabeth Chadwick.

Oct. 21. Sarah Murdock (born September 10, 1824), Mary Cordelia Burdett (born Oct. 28, 1826) daughters of Abraham Call.

Nov. 4. Samuel Torrey son of Levi Bliss and Harriet his wife.

Dec. 2. Alexander Mitchell son of Isaac and Susan M. Hall.

John Phillips son of Edward and Margaret Reynolds.

Feb. 5. Jane Augusta daughter of Eldad and Hannah Brown.

Apr. 23. Franklin Jones son of Ephraim and Jane T. Hall.

May 14. Joseph Richardson son of Thomas Rowe and wife.

June 18. John Downes son of John Lilly.

1827

Jan. 7. Susanna wife of Daniel Messinger, by *Rev. Dr Channing*.⁵

Mar. 4. Sarah Tufts daughter of Asa Richardson, by *Rev. Dr Tuckerman*.⁶

Apr. 8. Ellen Mary daughter of Joseph T. Buckingham, by *Rev. Mr Pierpont*.⁷

During the absence of the Pastor
by *Dr Porter*.⁸

Apr. 15. William Taylor of George M. Gibbens, by *Rev. Dr Harris*.⁹

July. Susannah Howe daughter of Daniel L. Gibbens.

May. By *Rev. Mr Gannett*¹ [blank].

1824

Sep. Sarah Maria Thompson, Jane Calder, Elizabeth Tufts, Matilda Jane Jeffries, Caroline Goodrich, Elizabeth Bursiel and Matilda Martin.

1827

Sep. Mary Ann Truesdel and Ellen Powers.

1828

Sep. Lydia Jones, Ann Jasper Jones, Mary Bowles Francis, Tryphena Dit-

^{5 6 7 8 9 1} Loose Memorandum sheet in records. The baptisms have been entered in the book but not the names of the officiating clergyman. Dr. Frothingham was in Europe for a year. His manuscript journal of this tour is in the Massachusetts Historical Society.

1828

Apr. 27. Frances Gorham Potter and
Elizabeth Gorham her child.
July 6. Alfred Belcher son of Ephraim
and Jane T. Hall.
July 13. William and Maria Lucy
children of William Hayden Jr.
July 20. William Bentley and Ellen of
William B. Fowle.
Aug. 3. Cecilia Jeannette and Mary
Ruggles daughters of Nathaniel
Plympton.
Sep. 21. Charlotte Sewell White daugh-
ter of John and Charlotte S. Hooper.

Baptisms
in the First church
of children belonging to the
Boston Female Asylum²

[376] 1829

May 24. Lucy Anne daughter of Joseph
T. and Melinda Buckingham.
June 21. Franklin son of Charles Bow-
ker.
Aug. 16. Elizabeth Shepherd daughter
of Daniel L. Gibbens.
Caroline Augusta daughter of Wil-
liam Hayden Jr.

1830

Mar. 7. Horace son of Asa and Eliza-
beth Richardson.
Apr. 4. Martha Curtis daughter of J.
Greely and Martha Stevenson.
July 4. Anna Caroline daughter of Wil-
liam B. Fowle.
Aug. 22. Caroline Virginia daughter of
Samuel H. and Caroline Rich.

² The Boston Female Asylum for Orphan Children was founded in 1800 and in-
corporated in 1803. Its original house was in Lincoln Street but in 1846 it removed
to a spacious edifice at 1008 Washington Street. Although the Society has not main-
tained an orphanage since 1910, the organization has continued successively as the
Boston Society for the Care of Girls, the Children's Aid Association, and the Boston
Children's Service Association.

son, Sarah Failing and Mary Ann
Coubmes.

Oct. 15. Susan Henrietta of Ebenezer
Niles.
Nov. 16. Grace Webster of Edward and
Charlotte G. Everett.
Ward Brooks of N. L. and Ann G.
Frothingham.
Mary, William Langdon, Ephraim
Langdon and Charles Edward chil-
dren of Ephraim L. and Eunice
Frothingham.
Dec. 31. Joann daughter of Elijah T.
and Nancy Weatherbee.

Aug. 28. Emily Jane daughter of Henry
and Eliza Smith Plympton.
James Hall, George Edward and Ann
Eliza children of Samuel J. H. and
Mary Elizabeth Smith.
Sep. 18. William Ingersoll son of
Charles Bowker.
Sep. 27. George Henry son of Isaac and
Susan Mitchell Hall.
Oct. 23. Louisa Catherine daughter of
Charles F. and Abby B. Adams.
Ann Brooks daughter of N. L. and
Ann G. Frothingham.

Baptisms in the First church of
Children belonging to the
Boston Female Asylum.

1830

Sep. Laura Ann Crosby, Eliza Ann Ent-

Sep. 5. David Bradlee son of Gershom Jacques and Elizabeth Van Brunt.
Elizabeth Tyler daughter of P. Fletcher and Sarah Bradlee.
Oct. 17. Edward Davis son of William Hayden Jr.

1831

Apr. 24. Dwight Boyden of John and Charlotte S. Hooper.
June 12. John Gorham son of J. Greely and Martha Stevenson.
June 15. William Thomas and Jane children of George and Jane Irving.

wisle, Abigail Plummer, Sarah Plummer, Elizabeth Lawrence, Ann Hopkins, Betsey Warwick, Hannah Tweed, Margaret Hopkins, Semantha Maria Francis.

1831

Sep. Susan Pierce, Elizabeth Lovering Pierce, Rebecca Williamson, Alice Williamson, Mary Ann Cain, Catherine Cain, Caroline Sophia Hyde, Maria Ham, Louisa Atherton, Sarah Augusta Reed, Ellen Mitchell and Sarah Ann Burr.

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1832

Feb. 3. Samuel Heath son of Samuel H. and Caroline Rich.
Feb. 19. Frederic Bradlee son of Ephraim and Jane T. Hall.
Apr. 1. Benjamin Cobbett, Louisa Perkins, and Daniel Lewis Gibbens children of Benjamin C. and Ann Elisa Frobisher.
Apr. 22. Joseph McKean son of Daniel L. Gibbens.
Aug. 18. Elizabeth Gair daughter of Frederic H. and Lucretia Bradlee.
Sep. 2. William Thomas son of J. Greely and Martha Stevenson.
Oct. 10. Frances Barnard daughter of Thomas C. and Frances B. Smith.

1833

Jan. 27. Edward Gardner and Francis Williams sons of Edward H. and Rachel B. Barry.
Mar. 3. John Tyler son of Patrick Fletcher and Sarah D. Bradlee and Henry son of Gershom Jaquis and Elizabeth P. Van Brunt.
Apr. 28. Nathaniel Appleton son of N. A. and Eliza Prentiss.
Frederic and Lucius Henry sons of Joseph T. and Melinda Buckingham.

June 16. Charles Sprague son of William Hayden Junior.

Aug. 2. Lewis son of Thomas and Emily Augusta Dimmock.

Sep. 29. Henry son of Charles Bowker.

Oct. 27. John Quincy son of Charles F. and Abby B. Adams.

Frances Greely daughter of J. Greely and Martha Stevenson.

Nov. 17. Francis son of Samuel and Eliza Henshaw.

Nov. 24. Charles Jackson son of Charles C. Paine.

Amanda Malvina daughter of Horatio and A. M. Dorr.

Sarah Jane daughter of Henry and Julia Lakin.

Sep. 24. The following children, belonging to the Female Asylum, Calanthe Hastings, Eliza Ann Shields, Margaret Montgomery, Bridget Montgomery, Rebecca Ross, Jane Holcomb, Sarah Jane Smith, Abby Louisa Peterson, Catherine Hall, Margaret Hall, Mary Bishop, Martha Hicks, Lucy Welsh, Eliza Ann Mead, Mary Ann Collier, Margaret Williams and Frances Doane Stephens.

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1834

Jan. 5. Charles Parsons son of Levi and Harriet Bliss.
 Lucy Hall daughter of Frederic H. and Lucretia Bradlee.
 July 13. Edwin Augustus son of Daniel L. Gibbens.
 Thomas Francis son of Benjamin C. Frobisher.
 Sep. 28. Mary Jones and Martha Ellery daughters of Ebenezer and Elizabeth Chadwick.
 William Gray son of William G. and Mary Ann Brooks.
 Oct. 5. Albertina Homer daughter of Geor.³ Albertina and Philo S. Shelton.
 At the annual meeting of the Boston Female Asylum, Harriot Blonde Parker, Elizabeth Ann Harding, Helen Maria Harding, Hannah Stearns, Mary Stearns, Susan Maria Scott, Eliza Ann Browning, Mary Mareau, Elizabeth Williams and Lucy Mary Ann Smith.

Nov. 2. Caroline Burroughs daughter of John and Charlotte S. Hooper.
 Eveline Hooper daughter of Joseph L. and Sarah E. Hammond.

[379] May 1. Phillips⁴ son of William G. and Mary Ann Brooks.
 Aug. 21. Lucy Matilda daughter of Ephraim and Jane T. Hall.
 Nov. 24. John Benjamin son of John B. Joy.
 Dec. 25. Benjamin son of Samuel H. and Caroline Rich.

1837

June 4. Elizabeth Doggett daughter of Daniel and Ann B. Goodnow.

³ *Georgiana*. Cf. *New England Historical and Genealogical Register*, xi. 272.

⁴ Phillips Brooks (1835-1893) Harvard, 1855; rector, Trinity Church, Boston, 1869-1891; bishop of Massachusetts, 1891-1893.

1835

Jan. 14. Benjamin son of Samuel H. and Caroline Rich.
 May 10. Alice Bridge daughter of Charles T. and Susan A. Jackson.
 May 10. Ellen daughter of N. L. and Ann G. Frothingham.
 July 5. Arthur Lincoln son of Ephraim and Eunice Frothingham.
 Mary Carleton Alpheus Cary, Moses, Henry Dutton, George Hazen, Lucy Cary, Charles Alonzo and Edwin Franklin children of Hazen Morse and wife.
 July 16. Anna Brace daughter of J. G. and Martha Stevenson.
 Oct. 4. Nathaniel son of Nathaniel and Mary R. Plympton.
 Oct. 31. Charles Francis son of Charles Francis and Abby B. Adams.
 Nov. 22. William Cushing and Robert Treat of Charles C. Paine and wife.
 Dec. 3. Mary Anne daughter of Thomas B. and Abby L. Wales.

1836

Jan. 1. Helen Eugenia daughter of Philo S. and Georg. Albertina Shelton.
 Apr. 17. Rebecca White daughter of Henry W. and Frances D. Pickering.

Nov. 22. Abby Matilda and Mary Goddard daughters of D. Humphreys Storer and wife.

1838

Mar. 6. Ebenezer Francis son of John Eliot Thayer and wife.
 Apr. 8. Mary Elizabeth daughter of Noah D. Haskell and wife.
 Apr. 29. Nathaniel Goddard son of Henry W. and Mary S. Fuller.
 May 7. Hannah Greely, Thomas Greely,

July 30. Samuel Edwin son of S. E. and Melinda Robbins.

Sep. 3. Joseph Manning son of Joseph M. and Charlotte Louisa Smith.

Sep. 13. James McNab son of Daniel L. Gibbens.

Ann Eliza daughter of Benjamin C. Frobisher.

Henry son of Thomas Sherwin.

The following children, belonging to the Boston Female Asylum, Sarah Jane Joslyn, Sarah Margaret Sawyer, Christina Elizabeth Sawyer, Caroline Augusta Thompson, Susanna Jane Anderson, Anne Maria Anderson, Lucy Ann Boynten and Abigail Caldwell, September 27, 1836.

Nov. 12. Charlotte Eliza daughter of George W. Abbott and wife.

[380] Oct. 3. Shepherd son of Gorham Brooks and Ellen his wife.

1839

Jan. 1. Philo Strong and Harriet Homer children of Philo and Albertina Shelton.

Jan. 3. Hannah daughter of John B. and Ellen M. Joy.

Feb. 24. Milla wife of James W. Vose with their daughters Caroline Draper, Ann Frances, Abby Wheaton, and Louisa Hayward.

July 7. James Percival son of Samuel R. and Mary S. Townsend.

Aug. 4. Thomas Beal son of T. B. and Maria S. Wales.

Aug. 25. Arthur Augustus son of Joseph M. and Charlotte Louisa Smith.

Sep. 15. Susan Frances daughter of Charles T. and Susan A. Jackson.

Sep. 24. Mary Elizabeth Wilson, Sarah Ann Pierce and Eliza Ann Lord chil-

and Robert Hooper children of J. Thomas Stevenson and wife.

May 20. Elizabeth Bartlett daughter of Charles T. and Susan A. Jackson.

July 22. Felicia Hemans and John Marshall children of William Hayden Junior and Maria his wife.

Aug. 5. Josiah son of Frederic H. and Lucretia Bradlee.

[*Henry Brooks Adams*].⁵

(September 1837, the following children belonging to the Boston Female Asylum, Anne Maria Dimond, Susan Dimond, Sarah Hunting, Emily Jane Dyer. And September 1838, Aurelia Nelson, Martha Jane Marcy, Persis Frye, Sally Anne Frye, Susan Wood, Harriet Rebecca Morton and Georgiana Coombs.)

Nov. 3. Melinda Edwina daughter of Samuel E. and Melinda A. Robbins.

Nov. 24. Charles Holden of John and Charlotte S. Hooper.

Caroline Virginia of Samuel H. and Caroline H. Rich.

1840

Feb. 16. William, Lucy Ann, and Eleazer Howard children of William Stanwood and wife.

Feb. 23. William son of Edward and Charlotte G. Everett.

Mar. 18. Anna Francis daughter of John E. Thayer and wife.

July 19. James Wilder son of James W. Carter and wife.

Sep. 29. Adeline Burr Barnes, Caroline Augusta Kehr, Caroline Augusta Durell, Abby Smith Durell, Susan Virginia Delestatius, Marietta Delestatius, and Margaret Britt, inmates of the Boston Female Asylum.

⁵ Henry Brooks Adams was born Feb. 16, 1838 and was "christened later by his uncle, the minister of the First Church." Cf. *The Education of Henry Adams*, p. 3.

dren belonging to the Boston Female Asylum.	Oct. 25. Thomas son of Thomas and Mary F. Sherwin.
Sep. 29. Lucy Elizabeth daughter of Thomas T. Spear and wife.	1841
Daniel son of Daniel and Ann B. Goodnow.	June 13. Joseph Howe son of Thomas B. Wales Junior and wife.
Oct. 27. Susan Jackson daughter of George Bancroft and wife.	

[381] June 27. William Henry Harrison son of James W. Carter and wife.

Sep. 5. Susan Moore daughter of Joseph H. and Susan Francis.

Oct. 10. Charles, Mary Ann Bradlee, Frank, Sarah Pollock and Elizabeth Bradlee children of G. I. Van Brunt and wife.

Oct. 24. Eliza Babcock daughter of Theodore and Elizabeth Leonard.

Nov. 7. Timothy Eaton with his sister Mary Ann Eaton and his daughters, Mary Elizabeth and Josephine Amelia.

1842

Apr. 24. Belinda Thompson and Harriet Louisa daughters of Benjamin C. and Ann Eliza Frobisher.

May 8. Fanny Jackson and Sarah Cushing daughters of Charles C. and Frances C. Paine.

July 3. Samuel Bradlee son of Edward F. and Abigail Ann Weld.

Sep. 27. (The following children, belonging to the Boston Female Asylum, Frances Ellen Brackett, Sarah Elizabeth Boynton, Mary Alice Robbins, Elizabeth Ann Lambert, Clara Augusta Lowell, Elizabeth Hammond, Sarah Elizabeth Eaton, Mary Jane Eaton, Mary Jane Fox, Sarah Abigail Hatch Toby, and Caroline Melville.)

Dec. 24. Thomas Buckminster son of Thomas B. and Laura Curtis.
Harriet Boott daughter of Edward G. and Harriet Loring.

1843

Mar. 2. Caroline Eliza daughter of Jesse Chickering and wife.

Apr. 9. Edward son of Thomas and Mary K. Sherwin.

June 4. William Delano son of John and Charlotte S. Hooper.

Nov. 12. Maria Louisa wife of Samuel Frothingham Junior and William and Samuel their children.

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1844

Feb. 20. Mary Goddard daughter of Henry W. and Mary S. Fuller.

Apr. 21. Henry and James Davis sons of Henry Winsor and wife.

Apr. 23. John Eliot son of John E. Thayer and wife.

May 5. Henry and Frederic twin children of Nathaniel and Mary R. Plympton.

July 25. Mary daughter of Charles F. Adams and Abby B. his wife.

Dec. 7. Trueman Cross son of Thomas C. A. Dexter and Elizabeth Marion his wife.

1846

Nov. 1. Albert Wood and Mary Frothingham children of B. Wood Foster and wife.

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May 12. Elizabeth Davis Williams
daughter of Edward F. and Abigail
Ann Weld.
June 2. Helen Maria and Josephine
Bourne daughters of Amos G. Thomp-
son and Mary Eliza his wife.
Mary Eliza daughter of George H.
Cutter and wife.
June 15. Horatio Pelham son of Thom-
as B. and Laura Curtis.
June 16. Sidney Augustus and Lowell
Brown children of Sidney Fisher and
wife.
Sep. 20. Mary Ellen daughter of Sam-
uel E. and Melinda A. Robbins.

1847

Jan. 22. Charles Henry and Ellen Marion
children of John and Ellen M.
Joy.
Jan. 31. Frederick Wainwright son of
F. H. and Lucretia Bradlee.
Ellen Marion daughter of Henry
Bradlee and wife.
Feb. 20. Edward Franklin son of Ed-
ward F. and Abigail Ann Weld.
June 6. Catherine Parker daughter of
Joseph H. and Susan Francis.
Aug. 14. Charlotte Oxnard an adult.
Sep. 22. Elizabeth Otis Lyman daugh-
ter of Francis and E. O. Boott.

1845

Mar. 27. Laura Prentice daughter of
Joshua and Lucy Y. Crane.

[383] Oct. 11. Elinor Frances daugh-
ter of James and Delia H. Foster. The Record of Baptisms is transferred,
from this time, to another Book.

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[384]-[415] [Blank pages.]

[416] The Reverend Mr Benjamin Wadsworth Deceased (late Presi-
dent of Harvard College and formerly the worthy Pastor of the Old
Church in Boston) did by his Will order Ten Pounds for the Use of the
Poor of the said Church to be paid by his Executors—And his Widow and
Executrix was pleased to put the said Legacy in my hands (February
1737/8) to be distributed at Discretion.

Accordingly I divided it among the following Persons:
To Mr Joseph Cooke 10/- To Mrs Smalledge 10/-
To Widow Kellum 10/-

£1.10.0

To Mrs Abigail Wyllis 10/- To Widow Lobdel 10/-		
To Mr William Loring's Wife (sick) 15/-		1.15.0
To Widow Spillar and her Mother 15/- To Widow Loring		
and her Daughter 20/- To Widow Gand 10/-		2. 5.0
To Widow Ward 10/- To Mrs Shaw 10/-		
To Widow Fife 10/- To Mrs Molds 10/-		2. 0.0
To Widow Scott 10/- To Mrs Mary Bridge, Daughter		
of Reverend Mr Bridge Deceased late Pastor		
of the Church 20/-		1.10.0
To Widow Hewes 10/- To Anthony an ancient Negro		
Man 10/-		I. 0.0
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A true Account

by THOMAS FOXCROFT.

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[418] Extracts from the Will of Mr James Penn bearing date the 29th of the 7th month 1671. And recorded Lib. VII, page 153.

Also I Give to my Kinsman Penn Townsend all my Farm at Pullin Point.⁶ Also my dwelling house with these Moveables as followeth; A Bed-stead Feather-Bed and Flock Bed under it, with that New Blanket, and Green Rugg, with the Green Currains and Vallens about it, with a Round Table, and great Chest, with six Chairs, with the little Andirons that are in the Parlour chimney, And all this to be enjoyed after my wives decease. Provided that he pay Ten pounds yearly out of the Farm to my Overseers, and after their Death, To the Elders, and Deacons of the First Church of Christ in Boston, successively for ever by them to be dissposessed of for the Maintainance of such poor Scholar or Scholars at the Colledge as they shall see good; And if God shall please to take away by death Penn Townsend before he have any Issue Lawfully begotten of his body, or leave no

⁶ The farm, situated in what was later known as North Chelsea and Winthrop, comprised upward of three hundred acres about half of which was salt marsh. It belonged in the Sale family for many years and was finally released from its entailment to the First Church by a deed of Rufus Ellis, elder, and George O. Harris, deacon, on April 30, 1866 in consideration of the sum of six hundred dollars. The transfer was authorized by a special Resolve of the General Court on April 12, 1866.

Issue, Then my Will is that my Farme be wholly for the maintainance of Poor Scholars as aforesaid. And my Dwelling house I give to the First Church of Christ in Boston forever.

Boston May 22, 1712.

Whereas there hath been a neglect of entring in the Church book how the ten pounds per annum bequeathed by the part of Elder Penns will above written, hath been dissposed of and to whom, the Elders and Deacons of the First Church of Christ in Boston the year and day above written Resolved to keep an exact account of the same for the future. Finding that fifteen pounds were due from the said Estate to the use above written since Mr Ebenezer Thare⁷ a Nephew of Collonel Penn Townsend above mentioned had Received the benefit of the said Legacy for seven years, they Issued orders for the dissposal of the said fifteen pounds as followeth,

To Mr Jonathan Pierpoint⁸ son of the late Reverend Jonathan Pierpont deceased, ten pounds.

To Mr [Benjamin]⁹ Webb Two pounds ten shillings.

To Mr [Stephen] Williams¹ Son to the Reverend Mr John Williams of Deerfield Two pounds Ten shillings.

Boston May 20th, 1713.

Ordered by Elders and Deacons That seven pounds ten shillings, part of the Ten pounds above mentioned due for the year past be paid to Mr Jonathan Peirpoint.

That the remaining Two pounds Ten shillings be paid to [Benjamin] Webb.

Boston 1714.

Ordered by the Elders and deacons the Ten pounds be Paid to Messenger² etc. Twas ordered by the Elders and Deacons.

⁷ Ebenezer Thayer (1689-1733) Harvard, 1708; minister, West Roxbury, 1712-1730.

⁸ Jonathan Pierpont (1695-1758) Harvard, 1714; preached in Dunstable, Co-hasset, Wrentham, Falmouth, Maine, Brunswick, Hampton Fall, New Hampshire and elsewhere but never settled; schoolmaster in Manchester, Massachusetts, 1729 and Amesbury c.1746; practised medicine in Newbury after 1746 for some years but died in Hampstead, New Hampshire. Sibley, vi. 69-71.

⁹ Benjamin Webb (1695-1746) Harvard, 1715; minister, Eastham, 1720-1746.

¹ Stephen Williams, D.D. (1693-1782) Harvard, 1713; minister, Longmeadow, 1714-1782. Established Indian Mission at Stockbridge.

² Henry Messenger (1695-1750) Harvard, 1717; minister, Wrentham, 1719-1750.

Ordered by the Elders and deacons Boston April 25, 1715 The said Ten Pounds be Paid four Pounds to William Welstead,³ The other six To the Reverend Mr Paysons son,⁴ the Reverend Mr Rowland Cottons son,⁵ and Thomas Messengers son 2 lb each towards their maintainance att the Colledge according to Elder Penns will.

May 8, 1716. The ten pounds of Elder Penn's Legacie was disposed 5 lb to Henry Messenger, and five Pounds to Nathanael Cotton, Students at Harvard Colledge.

May 13, 1717. The ten pounds of Elder Penn's Legacie for last year was given to Hull Abbot.⁶

May 30, 1719. twenty pounds of Elder Penn's Legacie for the two last years were given to Hull Abbot.

[419] A Copy of the Will of James Pen
Elder of the first Church of Christ
in Boston

The Last will and Testament of mr James Pen Elder of the First Church of christ in Boston; being sick in body but in perefct memory and Understanding doe hereby declaor my Will as Folloeth:

Imprimis I give to my Kinsman Mr James Allen all my Pasture being Eighteen akers more or Lesse Lying betwixt Major Leveret and Captain Davis to injoy after my wives Decease for Ever; also I give unto him; as an Enlargement to his ground to the Pare tree and that to stand in the Line from Mr Oxenbridge to the street fence Reserving unto my Kinsman Pen Townsend in the abovesayd Pasture the feeding of Two Cowes yeerly for Ever; also I give to my Kinsman Pen Townsen all my Farme at Pullen Point also my dwelling house with these moveables as Followeth; a bedsted, fether bed flock bed under it with the new blankett and green Rugg; with the green curtaines and vallaines about it with a round table and great chest with six chaors with the Litle andirons that are in the parlor chimney and all this to be injoyed after my wives Desease. Provided that he pay Teen pounds yearly out of the farme to my overseers and after there death to the Elders and Deacons of the first Church of Christ in Boston successively for Ever by them to be disposed of for the maintenance

³ Cf. p. 145.

⁴ Samuel Payson (1692/3-1768) Harvard, 1716; Schoolmaster in Rowley, c.1722-1757; frequently preached but never ordained.

⁵ Nathanael Cotton (1698-1729) Harvard, 1717; minister, Bristol, Rhode Island, 1721-1729.

⁶ Hull Abbot (1702-1774) Harvard, 1720; minister, Charlestown, 1724-1774.

of such poore scholler or schollars at the colledge as they shall see good, and if God shall please to take away by death Peen Townsend before he have any Issue Lawfully begotten of his body or Leave no Issue then my will is that my farm shall be wholly for the maintenance of poor schollers as afore sayd; and my dwelling house I give to the first church of Christ in Boston for Ever;—

Item: I give to my sister Hannah Townsend and her son Peter and James and her Daughter Deborah fifty pounds a peice in mony: Item, I give to the children of Hannah Hull namely Thomas, Mary and Hannah Hull, fifty pounds in mony to bee Equally divided amongst them These to bee payed after my wives Desease; but in case my overseers find that there bee any considerable Lose by any debts now owing, that then there bee a proporetonable abatement of these Legacies given in mony; and I do constitute my Deare wife my sole Executrix to this my will and I desire Elder John Wiswall and mr Anthony Stoddard to be the overseers of this my will and I do give them five pounds a peace, and after my Intering in the Earth Let my Debts and funerall Exspences bee discharged; and this I declare to bee my Last will revoking hereby all former wills; In witnessse whereof I here unto set my hand and seale this: 29th Sceptember 1671. before signing and sealing I do further give to my sister mrs Mary Minor Teen pounds in mony and to Sarah Shelley Teen pounds in mony both to bee payed after my wives decease signed sealed and delivered and declared to bee his last will and Testament in the presence of us

HUMPHRY DAVIE

JAMES PENN

HENRY ALLEN;

Proved and recorded 23 October 1671

before Gouernor Bellingham

Deputy Gouernor Leverit

[420] Disposition of Elder Penn's Legacy.

Thirteen pounds out of the Rents of Coll. Townsends Farm at Pullen Point, due by vertue of Elder Pen's Will, unto July 6, 1720 given on July 18, 1720 to Hull Abbot, a member of Harvard College, Cambridge. Sept. 10, 1722. At a Meeting of the Elders and Deacons to dispose of twenty pounds due Last Commencement by Elder Penn's Will, out of the Rents of his Farm at Pullen Point,—agreed, that William Sheaf⁷ a

⁷ William Sheaffe (1705/6-1771) Harvard, 1723; office of the Collector of Boston Port, 1731-1771.

Student at College shall have five pounds, Nathaniel Davis⁸ of Roxbury a Student at College shall have five pounds, Senior Abbot⁹ shall have eight pounds, and Senior Cotton⁰ two pounds.

Feb. 5, 1723/4. The ten pounds due by Elder Penn's will to the last commencement, was given by the Elders and Deacons, equally betwixt Senior Dunbar¹ and Senior Sheif; the Note was given to Daniell Oliver Esquire, to receive the money for the two persons here mentioned.

Oct. 12, 1724. The ten pounds due to last commencement by Elder Penn's will, was given by the Elders and Deacons six pounds to Senior Davis² (whose Friends live at Roxberry) four pounds to Webb³ senior Sophister, whose Friends live at Braintree.

Dec. 27, 1725. The Ten pounds due the last Commencement by Elder Penn's Will, was ordered by the Pastor and Deacons, to be paid, Five pounds to Mr Webb's Son, and Five pounds to Madam Cotton's Son⁴ Scholars.

Oct. 17, 1726. The Ten Pounds due, the last Commencement, by Elder Penn's Will was Ordered by the Pastor and Deacons to be paid, in equal Shares, to the Rev. Mr [Nehemiah] Walter's⁵ Son, and the late Rev. Mr Rowland Cotton's⁶ youngest Son, Students at the College.

July 3, 1727. The Annuity by worthy Elder Penn in his Will left to the Elders and Deacons of the old Church due this Commencement was ordered by the said Officers to be paid to the Rev. Mr N[ehemiah] Walter for the use of his Son at the College.

July 1, 1728. The abovesaid Annuity was by an Order under the hands of the Pastors and Deacons assigned to Mr Walter for the use of his Son

⁸ Nathaniel Davies (1705/6-1730/1) Harvard, 1724.

⁹ Isaac Abbot (1699-1784) Harvard, 1723; tavern keeper in Andover, Massachusetts.

⁰ Josiah Cotton (1703-1780) Harvard, 1722; minister, Woburn, Massachusetts, 1747-1756; Sandown, New Hampshire, 1756-1780.

¹ Samuel Dunbar (1704-1783) Harvard, 1723; minister, Canton, Massachusetts, 1727-1783.

² *i.e.* Nathaniel Davies.

³ Nathan Webb (1705-1772) Harvard, 1725; minister, Uxbridge, Massachusetts, 1731-1772.

⁴ Probably Ward Cotton (1711-1768) Harvard, 1729; minister, Hampton, New Hampshire, 1734-1765. Son of Rev. Roland and Elizabeth (Saltonstall) Cotton.

⁵ Nathaniel Walter (1711-1776) Harvard, 1729; minister, West Roxbury, Massachusetts, 1734-1776. His father, Nehemiah, was minister in Roxbury, 1688-1750.

⁶ Ward Cotton (1711-1768) Harvard, 1729. See above.

etc. The said Order drawn on Reverend Mr Ebenezer Thayer now in possession of Elder Penn's Farm.

July 1, 1729. The said Annuity was assigned to Mr Walter for Use of his Son.

July 1, 1730. The said Annuity was assigned to Christopher Bridge⁷ a Student at H. College.

July 1731. The said Annuity again assigned to the said Christopher Bridge.

July 11, 1732. The said Annuity again assigned to the said Christopher Bridge.

July 1733. The said Annuity again assigned to the said Christopher Bridge By an order on Captain John Sale now in possession of Elder Penn's Farm.

July 1734. The said Annuity once more assigned to Senior Bridge. By an Order on Captain John Sale.

[421] Disposition of Elder Penn's Legacy.

Oct. 27, 1735. Elder Penn's Annuity of Ten pounds was assigned to Mr Nathanael Gardner's⁸ Son, a Student at Harvard College by an Order on Captain Sale.

August 1736. The said Annuity again assigned to the same—by an Order on Captain Sale.

July 1, 1737. To the same by an Order on Captain Sale.

July 1738. To the same by Order etc.

July 6, 1739. To the same by Order etc.

July 2, 1740. To the Son⁹ of the Reverend Mr John Brown of Haverhill, a Student at the College, by an Order etc.

July 1741. To the Son of the Reverend Mr Brown by an Order as usual.

July 1742. To the same, by an Order as usual.

July 1743. Received of Captain Sale Twenty pounds (Old Tenor) in

⁷ Christopher Bridge (1712-c.1740) Harvard, 1733; became Episcopalian and went to England in 1736 with Charles Wesley; settled in Jamaica. Son of Rev. Christopher Bridge, Queens Lecturer, Kings Chapel in Boston, 1699-1706.

⁸ Nathaniel Gardner (1719-1760) Harvard, 1739; preached in Worcester and Carver but not settled; usher, South Grammar School in Boston, 1750-1760.

⁹ John Brown (1723-1791) Harvard, 1741; minister, Cohasset, Massachusetts, 1747-1791. Son of Rev. John and Johanna (Cotton) Brown.

full for the Year past, which by Agreement was divided equally between —another Son¹ of the late Reverend Mr Brown, and [Samuel] Turel,² both students at Harvard College.

July 1744. Received of Captain Sale Forty pounds Old Tenor (in full Satisfaction of Elder Penn's Annuity of £10.) for the Year past; whereof £10 was paid to [Samuel] Turell a Student at Harvard College, and £30 to the two Sons of the Rev. Mr Perkyns,³ Students there by Agreement of the Elders and Deacons.

July 1745. Received of Captain John Sale of Chelsea Forty pounds (Old Tenor) in full for the Year past By agreement of the Elders and Deacons divided and paid as follows:

To Mrs Brown (widow of the late Reverend Mr John Brown) on behalf of her Son [Ward] ⁴ at College	£10
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To Rev. Mr Perkyns for his Son at College	15
paid to Mr Matthew Adams's ⁵ Son at College	15

1746/7, March 21. Received of Captain John Sale Ten pounds (new Tenor) for the last Year ending at Commencement in July 1746, which the Elders and Deacons by a written Order (as usual) assigned to the Use of Thomas Foxcroft⁶ junior a Student at Harvard College, Son to one of the Pastors of the Old Church.

1747, Dec. 23. Received of Captain Sale Ten Pounds (new Tenor) for the last Year, ending at the Commencement in July past; which the Elders and Deacons by a written Order assigned to the Use of Thomas Foxcroft junior.

1748. The Ten pounds (being new Tenor) received of Captain Sale for the Year past, ending last Commencement, was by Order of the Elders and Deacons, paid

¹ Cotton Brown (1726/7-1751) Harvard, 1743; minister, Brookline, Massachusetts, 1748-1751.

² Samuel Turell (died 1750) Harvard, 1745.

³ Sons of Rev. Daniel Perkins (1697-1782); minister, West Bridgewater, 1721-1782, who married for his second wife, Mrs. Mary Hancock, mother of John Hancock. One son, Richard (1729/30-1813), a physician, graduated from Harvard in 1748; another son, Daniel, born 1727 died December 27, 1745. Cf. Sibley, vi. 208-211.

⁴ Ward Brown (died 1748) Harvard, 1748.

⁵ John Adams (1725-1792) Harvard, 1745; minister, Durham, New Hampshire, 1748-1778; physician in Newfield, Maine.

⁶ Thomas Foxcroft, Jr. (1732-?), did not graduate from Harvard; living 1762.

To Mr [William] Manning's ⁷ Son at College	£5
To the late Reverend Mr [Samuel] Willard's ⁸ Son, at Colledge	2 10
To the late Rev. Mr Brown's Son, at Colledge	2 10

1749. The said Annuity was ordered by the Elders and Deacons to the Use of Ebenezer Thayer⁹ Student at Harvard College and Son of Mr Nathanael Thayer.

1750/1, Mar. 14. Received of Captain John Sale Fifty pounds Old Tenor which was divided equally between the said Ebenezer Thayer, and Samuel Foxcroft,¹ also a Student at Harvard College and Son of Thomas Foxcroft one of the Pastors of the Old Church for which they gave a Receipt as in full Satisfaction of the Order drawn upon him by the Elders and Deacons for Elder Penn's Annuity due the last Commencement and payable for their Use.

Dec. 16, 1751. The said Annuity assigned to the Use of Ebenezer Thayer and Samuel Foxcroft in equal Parts, viz. £5. to each, by an Order on Captain Sale signed by the Elders and Deacons.

July 1752. The said Annuity assigned to the Use of Ebenezer Thayer and Samuel Foxcroft by an Order of the Elders and Deacons.

July 1753. The said Annuity assigned to the two abovementioned—by an Order etc.

July 1754. To the same by an Order etc.

1755 and 1756. Part of the said Annuity went to to Defray Charges of a Law-Suit for Recovery thereof when withheld; the rest divided in equal Shares, was assigned to the Use of the abovesaid Ebenezer Thayer and Samuel Foxcroft for their Maintenance at the College, to pay off Arrears due on that Account—by an Order of the Elders and Deacons.

July 1757. The said Annuity ordered by the Elders and Deacons to be for the Use of Williams Bradford² a Student at Harvard College.

⁷ Joseph Manning (1730/1-1808) Harvard, 1751; settled, Bath, Maine.

⁸ John Willard, D.D. (1733-1807) Harvard, 1751; minister, Stafford, Connecticut, 1757-1807.

⁹ Ebenezer Thayer (1734-1792) Harvard, 1753; tutor, 1760-1766; minister, Hampton, New Hampshire, 1766-1792.

¹ Samuel Foxcroft (1735-1807) Harvard, 1754; minister, New Gloucester, Maine, 1765-1793.

² Williams Bradford (c.1741-1801) Harvard, 1760. Not a clergyman; loyalist; subsequently officer under the British Crown at the Bahamas.

July 1758. The said Annuity, by a written Order, as usual, was given to the said Williams Bradford.

July 1759. The said Annuity was (by a written Order) assigned to the Use of Williams Bradford.

July 1760. The said Annuity was, by a written Order, directed to be paid into the Hand of Deacon Daniel Marsh, being designed for the Use of his Son Christopher Bridge Marsh,³ a Student at Harvard College.

July 1761. The said annuity was, by a written Order, assigned to the use of the Reverend Mr Stone's son.⁴

July 1762. The said Annuity was directed, by a written order, to be paid to the Reverend Mr Hull Abbot for the use of his son⁵ a student at the College.

July 1763. The said Annuity was directed to be paid, by a written order as Above.

July 1764. The said Annuity was ordered to be paid as above to Mr Abbot's Son.

July 1765. The said Annuity was, by a written order, directed to be paid to [John]⁶ Thomson, son of the late Reverend Mr William Thomson of Scarborough.

[422] 1799. The ministers and deacons of the first church ordered said annuity to be paid into the hands of Mrs Martha Thayer for the benefit of Andrew Elliot Thayer,⁷ her son, student of Harvard College.

1800, July 1. The minister and deacons of the first church ordered said annuity to be paid to Mrs Thayer for the benefit of her son, Andrew Elliot Thayer student of H. College.

1801, July 1. The minister and deacons of the first church ordered said annuity to be paid to Samuel Ripley⁸ for the benefit of his education.

³ Christopher Bridge Marsh (1743-1773) Harvard, 1761; minister, North Church, Newburyport, 1768-1773.

⁴ Nathan Stone (1737-1804) Harvard, 1762; minister, Dennis, 1764-1804.

⁵ Thomas Abbot (1745-1789) Harvard, 1764; minister, West Roxbury, 1773-1783.

⁶ John Tompson (1740-1828) Harvard, 1765; minister, Standish, Maine, 1768-1783; South Berwick, 1783-1828.

⁷ Andrew Elliot Thayer (1783-1846) Harvard, 1803; died in Nashua, New Hampshire. Son of Rev. Ebenezer Thayer, Hampton, New Hampshire.

⁸ Samuel Ripley (1783-1847) Harvard, 1804; minister, Waltham and Lincoln. Son of Ezra Ripley, D.D., of Concord.

1803, July 1. The minister and deacons ordered said annuity to be paid to Daniel Bliss Ripley,⁹ student of Harvard College.

1804, July 2.	Ebenezer Hubbard. ¹	1816, July.	William Emerson.
1805, July 8.	William Smith. ²	1817, July.	Ralph W. Emerson. ⁸
1806, July 7.	Benjamin Willard. ³	1818, July.	Ralph W. Emerson.
1807, July 1.	William Smith.	1819, July.	Ralph W. Emerson.
1808, July 1.	John H. Farnham. ⁴	1820, July.	Ralph W. Emerson.
1809, July 1.	John H. Farnham.	1821, July.	Edward Emerson. ⁹
1810, July 2.	John H. Farnham.	1822, July.	Edward Emerson.
1811, July.	John H. Farnham.	1823, July.	Edward Emerson.
1812, July 1.	Rufus Hurlbut. ⁵	1824, July.	Charles C. Emerson. ¹
1813, Aug. 21.	Rufus Hurlbut.	1825, July.	Charles C. Emerson.
1814, July.	Samuel Hunt. ⁶	1826, July.	Charles C. Emerson.
1815, July.	William Emerson. ⁷	1827, July.	Charles C. Emerson.
1828.	Charles C. Emerson.	1841.	N. G. Allen.
1829.	Charles H. Allen. ²	1842.	Thomas Hill. ³

⁹ Daniel Bliss Ripley (1784-1825) Harvard, 1805. Son of Ezra Ripley, D.D., of Concord; lawyer in Alabama.

¹ Ebenezer Hubbard (1783-1858) Harvard, 1805; minister, Newbury, 1811; Mid-dleton, 1816-1828; Lunenburg thereafter. Suffered as the result of the liberality of his theological views and outspoken preaching.

² William Smith (1788-1811) Harvard, 1807.

³ Benjamin Willard (1789-1856) Harvard, 1809; teacher and lawyer, Parkersburg, West Virginia.

⁴ John Hay Farnham (1791-1833) Harvard, 1811; lawyer, Salem, Indiana.

⁵ Rufus Hurlbut (1787-1839) Harvard, 1813; minister, Sudbury, 1817-1839.

⁶ Samuel Hunt (1777-1834) Harvard, 1796, M.B., 1800 and M.D., 1811; physician, changed name to John Dixwell.

⁷ William Emerson (1801-1868) Harvard, 1818; studied theology in Germany; lawyer, New York City. Son of Rev. William Emerson.

⁸ Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803-1882) Harvard, 1821; minister, Second Church, Boston, 1829-1831. Author and lecturer. Son of Rev. William Emerson.

⁹ Edward Bliss Emerson (1805-1834) Harvard, 1834; studied law with Daniel Webster. Son of Rev. William Emerson.

¹ Charles Chauncy Emerson (1808-1836) Harvard, 1828; lawyer. Son of Rev. William Emerson.

² Charles Hastings Allen (1809-1886) Harvard, 1831; physician. Grandson of Deacon James Morrill.

³ Thomas Hill (1818-1891) Harvard, 1843; Divinity School, 1845; minister, Waltham, 1845-1860; president, Antioch College, 1860-1862; and Harvard University, 1862-1868; minister, Portland, Maine, 1873-1891.

1830.	Charles H. Allen.	1843.	Charles Short. ⁷
1831.	Charles H. Allen.	1844.	Charles Short.
1832.	J. C. Allen. ⁴	1845.	Charles Short.
1833.	John Clark Allen.	1846.	James Morrill Allen. ⁸
1834.	David Henry Thoreau. ⁵	1847.	James Morrill Allen.
1835.	David H. Thoreau.	1848.	James Morrill Allen?
1836.	David H. Thoreau.	1849.	James Morrill Allen?
1837.	D. H. Thoreau.	1850.	Sidney Willard? ⁹
1838.	Nathaniel Glover Allen. ⁶	1851.	Sidney Willard.
1839.	N. G. Allen.	1852.	George A. W. Chamberlain. ¹
1840.	N. G. Allen.		

[423] 1853. George A. W. Chamberlain.²

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⁴ John Clarke Allen (1812-1834) Harvard, 1833. Grandson of Deacon James Morrill.

⁵ David Henry Thoreau or Henry David Thoreau (1817-1862) Harvard, 1837. Author.

⁶ Nathaniel Glover Allen (1816-1889) Harvard, 1842; General Theological Seminary; Episcopal clergyman. Grandson of Deacon James Morrill.

⁷ Charles Short (1821-1886) Harvard, 1846; Professor of Philosophy and President, Kenyon College, 1863-1867; Professor of Latin, Columbia University, 1867-1886.

⁸ James Morrill Allen, Jr. (1831-1902) Harvard, 1849. Great-grandson of Deacon James Morrill.

⁹ Sidney Willard (1831-1862) Harvard, 1852; lawyer; killed in action in Civil War.

¹ George Artemus White Chamberlain (1831-1872) Harvard, ex 1856; lawyer in Elgin, Illinois.

² The following names have been added in the Pulsifer copy of First Church Records.

1854.	Charles A. Allen.	1869.	Edward O. Otis.
1855.	Chas. A. Allen.	1870.	Edward O. Otis.
1856.	Chas. A. Allen.	1871.	Arthur L. Goodrich.
1857.	Chas. A. Allen.	1872.	Arthur L. Goodrich.
1858.	Robert Willard.	1873.	Arthur L. Goodrich.
1859.	Robert Willard.	1874.	Edmund Q. S. Osgood.
1860.	Stephen G. Emerson.	1875.	George Osgood.
1861.	Frederic Ware.	1876.	George Osgood.
1862.	Frederic Ware.	1877.	Parry Kennard Solger.
1863.	Frederic Ware.	1878.	H. Irving Dillenback.
1864.	Frederic Ware.	1879.	William H. Page.
1865.	John Hillis.	1880.	William H. Page.
1866.	John Hillis.	1881.	William H. Page.
1867.	John Hillis.	1882.	William H. Page.
1868.	Edward Osgood Otis.	1883.	Wallace Nutting.

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[427] Extract from the Last Will of Mrs Anne Mills, Deceased, of Watertown bearing Date Nov. 27, 1725 [Record Middlesex Lib. XVII, Page 372].

“Item, My Will is that all the Rest and Residue of my Estate of what Kind or Denomination soever be equally divided, as followeth.

Viz. One Quarter Part to the Old or First Church in Boston, and one quarter part to the old South Church in Boston, and one quarter part to the Church in the East part of Watertown, and the other quarter part to the Church in the West part of Watertown, To be improved for the relief of the Poor of the said Churches and such Poor as usually congregate with said Churches, at the Discretion of the Minister or Ministers and Deacons, to be paid by my Executors within four Years after my Decease _____. I do also give my Executors hereafter named or such of them as shall be surviving, full power to make Sale of all my real Estate and to dispose of the Produce as abovesaid.”

Jan. 20, 1728/9. At a Church meeting [*vid. page 125*].³

Voted That the Ministers and Deacons are empowered to receive the late Mrs Mills’s Legacy to this Church, in Conjunction with the other Churches concerned, and to give the Executors a proper Discharge according to the Tenor of the Will.⁴

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[429] Boston, Oct. 16, 1799.

On this day William Emerson, lately pastor of the congregational Church in Harvard, was installed pastor of the First Church in Boston. Rev. J. T. Kirkland made the introductory prayer; Rev. N. Thayer, of Lancaster, preached the sermon; Rev. Dr Eliot made the consecrating prayer, Rev. E. Ripley, of Concord, gave the charge; Rev. Dr Thacher expressed the fellowship of the churches; Rev. J. S. Popkin concluded with prayer.

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³ i.e. p. 155.

⁴ “The South Church received as its share about £280 in securities.” H. A. Hill, *History of the Old South Church*, I, 436.

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Boston July 1, 1728.

Sir

Please to pay to the Reverend Mr Nehemiah Walter of Roxbury for the use of his Son's Education at Harvard College Ten pounds, so much being due to us the Elders and Deacons of the first Church of Christ in Boston, by virtue of the late worthy Elder Penn's Will, as an Annuity out of the Rents of his Farm at Pullin point now in your possession: And the said Mr Walter's Receipt shall be your Discharge for the Year past.

To the Rev. Mr Ebenezer Thayer	-----	Elders
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To the —— Church in B — whereof the Rev. Mr — and Mr — are Pastors the Old or first gathered Church in this place, sendeth Greeting in the Lord.

Whereas Mr ——, a Brother, some years since confederate and admitted into full Communion with us, hath expressed his Desire to be released from the Obligations of the particular Church Covenant wherein he stands especially related unto us, in order to transferring his Relation and coming under the like peculiar Engagements unto you, with whom he has for some time past associated himself in the public Worship:— Now being apprehensive of what Importance it is, to preserve the Distinction of Church-Societies, and how necessary to all Gospel-Order, that a just Sense of the Covenant, as the specifical and individuating Form of the visible Church State, be kept up among us; We are therefore willing to gratify our said Brother in his Desire, and do accordingly give him a loving Dismission; hereby releasing him from his special Bonds and particular Relation to us, that he may stand in a right and orderly State with You. At the same time we commend him to your christian Esteem and holy Watch, that you receive him in the Lord as becometh Saints. And wishing you much of the gracious Presence of our common Head and Saviour; We ask also your fervent Prayers for us, who are with the utmost Sincerity and Affection,

Your Brethren
In the Faith and Fellowship
of the Gospel

Boston July 6, 1730.

To the Rev. etc.

To be Communicated

Pastors
in the Name
and pursuant
to a Vote
of the Church.⁵

⁵ This apparently was a form letter for the dismission of members to other churches.

VOLUME II¹

Admissions to Church Membership, 1786-1956

Votes of Church, 1786-1840

BOOK III

[1] At a Meeting of the First Church in Boston, June 4, 1786 A.D.²

I. Voted unanimously, that it is our opinion, that all, who acknowledge the divine authority of the gospel, ought (if they would be consistent) to observe its positive institutions.

II. Voted unanimously, that we remove every obstacle, which may prevent those who worship, from communing with us; and that we impose no other terms of communion than such as are found in the word of God, or may be clearly inferred from it.

III. Voted unanimously that all who believe in Jesus Christ; profess this belief; and sustain a good moral character, have a right to commune at the Lord's Table: it appearing from sacred authority, that nothing more was required of the primitive candidates for communion.

IV. Voted unanimously that when any person, qualified according to the preceding Vote, shall desire stated communion, nothing more shall be required than subscription to the declaration of Faith to which we have set our hands; that this may be done in private, provided the Church be informed that such candidate has made application [2] and his actual subscription be announced the first time he shall present himself to communion.

V. When any person, qualified, in a judgment of charity, to commune with us, but discouraged by scruples in his own mind, shall offer a child for baptism, Voted unanimously, that nothing further be required, than subscription to our common declaration of faith, assenting however to this additional article, that he will educate his child in the faith and practice of that religion to which he has solemnly set his hand.

Attest JOHN CLARKE Minister of Said Church.

¹ This volume is a brown calfskin octavo of 228 pages and, apart from a few church votes, it contains a list of church members who affixed their names to the Church Covenant. Although this membership book was not closed until 1956, it has seemed desirable to print the volume in its entirety.

² All of the records through John Clinton and Rebecca Smith are copied from a paper covered notebook which has been preserved among the loose papers of the church. In general, this original has autograph signatures. Both the original list and the copied entries are in the hand of John Clarke.

[3] DECLARATION OF FAITH SUBSCRIBED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE
FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST IN BOSTON

I. We, whose names are underwritten, declare our Faith in the one only living and true God.

II. We believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, that he was sanctified of the Father, and sent into the world, that he might "redeem us from all iniquity; and purify to himself a peculiar people zealous of good works."

III. We believe in that gospel, which was ratified by the death and resurrection of its author; and solemnly promise to make it the only rule of our faith and practice.

United by the ties of One Lord, one common Faith, and one Baptism, we promise to live in Christian love; to watch over each other as members of the same body; to counsel and assist, whenever there shall be occasion; to be faithful to our master, and faithful to each other, waiting in joyful hope of an eternal happy intercourse in the heavenly world.

[4] Signed Males (transferred)³

Charles Chauncy	John Crosley	N. W. Appleton
John Clarke	Joseph Lowden	David Tilden
Jonathan Williams	Samuel Partridge	James Pearson
James Thwing	Timothy White	Ebenezer Battelle
Jacob Williams	Israel Loring	William Morrill
Thomas Cushing	Daniel Thwing	Matthew James
Samuel Warden	Ichabod Jones	Nathaniel Thayer
Jer: Green	John Newell	James Morrill
Nathaniel Thayer	John Greenleaf	Robert Rand
John Gray	[William Clough] ⁴	

[5] Signed Females (transferred)

Sarah Adams	Abigail Gray	Eunice Greenleaf
Esther Clarke	Elizabeth Crosley	Elizabeth Hinckman
Sarah Williams	Rebecca Lowden	Ruth Arsonneau
Martha Thwing	Abigail Browne	Mary Loring
Martha Thwing ⁵	Sarah Green	Catharine Gray
Mary Williams	Elizabeth Blanchard	Ruth Thayer
Margaret Williams	Elizabeth Blanchard ⁶	Lydia Ash
Deborah Cushing	Martha Leverette	Hannah Stevens
Ruth Thwing	Mary Greenleaf	Sarah Griffith
Sarah Green	Katharine Greenleaf	Sarah McMair

³ *i.e.* from a paper covered notebook begun in 1786.

⁴ In original paper covered list but not transferred to this volume.

⁵ Both in original list.

⁶ Both in original list.

Boston 28th March 1811

Rev & dear Sir,

I have the satisfaction of informing you that some benevolent individuals of your congregation have directed me to vaccinate at least one hundred of your flock free of all expense. They are to be such as the Committee shall say are objects of such a charity.-

I presume they are not to be restricted to such as are called "the poor" merely; but such as the expence of inoculation would be felt at this time as an inconvenience,
with high esteem & regard
your friend & bkt fr.

Benj Waterhouse

Rev Mr Emerson.

Letter of Dr. Benjamin Waterhouse to the Reverend William Emerson reporting an anonymous gift to provide for the vaccination of one hundred members of the congregation, March 28, 1811

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Signed Males

Timothy Lyman	John Clinton ⁷	Daniel Denison Rogers
Ezekiel Price	Daniel Wild	Abijah Cheever
Cornelius Thayer	Obadiah Thayer Junior	William Emerson
Osias Moore	Cornelius Fellowes	Edward Blake Junior
Benjamin Johnson	Samuel Bulfinch	James Thwing
Nathaniel Fellows	Joseph Warren Jenkins	Jacob Copeland
Samuel Thwing junior	William Hilliard	
Abraham Bishop	Enoch Huse	

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Signed Females (transferred)

Suviah Thayer	Anna Battelle	Mindwell Sumner
Anna Archbald	Mary Newell	Mary Morrill
Sarah Appleton	Elizabeth Morrill	Mary Browne
Sally Heming	Sarah Tilden	Hannah Smith
Sarah Barrell	Sarah Durant	Hannah Austin
Rebecca ⁸ Parrott	Hannah Danniels	Joanna Otis
Joanna Tilden	Sarah Bradlee	Elizabeth Bradlee
Abigail Pearson	Martha Williams	Ruth Price
Sarah Berkes (<i>Connexion dissolved February 1825</i>)	Hannah Williams	Jenet Frasier

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Signed Males

Jonathan L. Austin	Nathaniel Goddard. <i>Died in 1853</i>
Nathaniel Appleton	Gamaliel Bradford
William Lankester	Henry H. Tuckerman
James H. Foster. <i>Died Dec. 10, 1862 (89)</i>	William Smith
Andrew E. Thayer	Minott Thayer, May 1, 1812
Obadiah Huse	Samuel Floyd, May 1, 1812
Dudley Richardson	Peter Chardon Brooks, March 3, 1813. <i>Died in 1849</i>
Moses Barnard (<i>suspended August 1825</i>)	John Lovejoy Abbott, July 4, 1813
David Francis, June 1809	Joseph Woodward, Jan. 2, 1814. (<i>Relation transferred 1822</i>)
Samuel Bradford	Ephraim H. Farrar, Feb. 6, 1814

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Signed Females (transferred)

Rachel Emmons	Susanna Witherton	Sarah Tilden
Martha Tilden, <i>transferred</i>	Jane Salmon	Hannah Barrell
Mary Tilden	Rebecca Thwing	Sarah Williams
Rachel Bradford	Ann Williams	Martha Homans
Rebecca Lamb	Anna Dashwood	Sarah Homans

⁷ Here end names of men from original list.

⁸ Rebekah in original list (autograph).

Rebecca Smith ⁹	Sarah Wild	Myra Eliot
[Lucy Morse] ¹⁰	Elizabeth Thayer	Hannah Wells
Mary Blanchard	Mary Morrill	
Elisabeth Blanchard	Ann Voase	

[10]

Males

1814

Joseph S. Buckingham, March 6.
(*Dismissed at his own request*
Feb. 11, 1821)

George Blanchard, June 5
William Furness, June 5
Stephen Babcock, Aug. 7

1815

Edward Reynold, March 5. (1848)
N. L. Frothingham, March 5
Ephraim L. Frothingham, April 2
Sarah Wheelwright, May 4 (See
Females)

Edward Reynolds Jr., May 5
P. Frothingham, May 30. (1826)
John Boies, June 30

1816

Isaac Hall, Feb. 3
William Hill, Feb. 25
Lewis G. Pray, Feb. 25
James Phillips, March 3
Daniel L. Gibbens, April 5
Eldad Brown, April 6. (1837)
Peter Allen, Nov. 2
N. H. Furness Jr., Nov. 8

1817

Thomas T. Robinson, Jan. 31

[11]

Females

Eliza Bradford	Jannett Thwing	Anna Jones
Eliza Hastings	Rebeckah Bridge	Harriet Downes
Abigail Jenkins	Abigail Rogers	Clarissa Downes
Sarah Blake	Mary Morse	Nancy Battelle
Charlotte Otis	Susanna Thayer Soper	Louisa Battelle
Betsey Woodbury	Mary H. Bliss	Mary Roberts
Ruth Emerson	Sarah Tilden	Rebecca Roberts
Martha Thwing	Hannah Stevenson	Elizabeth Foster

[12] Mary Sargent Allen (*See p. 16.*)

Males

1820

Ephraim Hall, April 1

1823

William Emerson, May 31
R. Waldo Emerson, May 31
James G. Barnard, Sept. 7

1826

George W. Smith, April 1
Samuel M. Thayer, July 30

1827

Daniel Messinger, Jan. 5. (1846)
Ebenezer Claflen, Jan. 5. (1831)

⁹ Here end names of women from original list.

¹⁰ In original list but not transferred to this volume.

1828

Supply C. Thwing, May
Elsey F. Thwing
William Bentley Fowle, Sept. 4
Maria Antoinette Fowle, Sept. 4
Charlotte Lovell Gibson, Oct. 2 (*connexion transferred August 1834*)

Hannah Elisabeth Stevenson, Dec. 1
Margaret Stevenson, Dec. 2

1829

Winifred Tupper Wheelwright, Feb.
Elizabeth Gardner Wheelwright, Feb.

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Females

Rachel Thayer	Patty Metcalf
Mary Patch	Rebecca Bridge
Grace Hill	Susan Powell Warren
Susan Sturgis	Sarah Battelle
Sarah Paine	Ann Furness
Jane Austin	Hannah Brown
Elizabeth Tilden	Nancy Roberts
Mary Appleton	Elizabeth Williams
Sarah Hurd	Abigail Joy

[14] 1823

Elizabeth Anna Foster, May 31
Sarah H. Jenks, Aug. 3
Elisabeth Richardson, Dec. 5. (1844)

1824

Elizabeth Joy, Jan. 1
Henrietta May Goddard, Feb. 1
Rebecca Beaman, Feb. 1 (*connexion transferred June 1825*)
Mary R. Gibbens, July 3
Mary Hickling, Aug. 28
Ann Holden, Sept. 3
Lucy Holden, Sept. 3

1825

Mary Storer Goddard, Dec. 30

1826

Louisa Cathrine Smith Foster, Jan. 1
Mary Smith Foster, Jan. 1
Rebecca Tilden Phillips, Feb. 28
Sarah Phillips, March 31
Martha Stinson Phillips, March 31
(*Mrs. Lewis—1850*)
Harriet P. Homer, June 30
Elizabeth Gibbens, Sept. 2

1827

Susana Messinger, Jan. 5
Hannah Thayer, June 3
Mary Alline, Nov. 28. (1848)
Hannah Alline, Nov. 28 (*See p. 12*)

[15]

Females

Abigail Roe Blanchard
Susanna Barnard
Susanna Richardson
Susanna Boylston Richardson
Mary Francis, June 1809
Mary Chapman
Elizabeth Storer Smith

Ann Bradford
Katharine Barton Bradford
Lucy Bradford
Lucy Haynes (*connexion dissolved April 1824*)
Lydia Sanger
Lucretia Goddard

Anna Phillips
 Harriet Clarke
 Sally Huse
 Betsey Hale Huse
 Lucy Hill Huse

Sarah A. Bradford
 Ruth Lyman Tuckerman
 Joanna Howard (*connexion transferred to the Twelfth Church December 1840*)

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1816

Mary Gray, Nov. 25
 Fanny Gray, Nov. 25 (*connexion transferred*)
 Mary Sargent Allen, Nov. 25 (See p. 12)

1817

Rachel Bradlee Tilden, May 29 (1850)
 Sarah Bradlee Pollock, May 29
 Sarah Homer, Aug. 1
 Susan Gibson, Oct. 30
 Mary Elwell, Dec. 6
 Nancy Haynes, Dec. 6 (*certificate of dismission granted January 14, 1825*)
 Ann Gorham Brooks, Dec. 20

1818

Fanny Otis, Oct. 30

Sarah Russell, Oct. 30

1819

Eliza L. Henshaw, July 30
 Charlotte Gray Brooks, July 30
 Hannah Joy, Nov. 7

1820

Lucretia D. Goddard
 Hannah Call
 Helen M. Paine, Nov. 30
 Sarah C. Paine, Nov. 30 (*Mrs. Aylwyn, 1848*)
 Adeline E. Reynolds, Dec. 1

1822

Hannah Matilda Bradlee
 Mary Otis Pilsbury, June 1

1823

Kezia Sawyer, Feb. 1 (See p. 14)

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1823

Mary Parker Tilden
 Judith C. Huntington

1812

Hannah Smith, Feb. 2
 Nancy Floyd, May 1

1813

Elizabeth Morrill, Feb. 5
 Ann Brooks, March 3. (1830)
 Hannah Glover, April 4. (1845)
 Anna Curtis, July 2
 Susannah Robbins, Oct. 12

1814

Nancy Benjamin, Jan. 2

1816

Betsey Bellows, Jan.

Louisa Bellows, Feb. 4
 Ruth Thwing, March 6
 Melinda Buckingham, March 6. (1846)

Ann Archbald, April 3
 Sarah Archbald, April 3

Catharine Moore, May 1
 Charlotte Moore, May 1

Mehitable Otis, June 5

Ruth Beals, July 3

Sally Paine, Aug. 7

Mary Paine, Aug. 7

Maria A. Paine

Lucretia Paine

Mary Rice, Dec. 4 (*Relation transferred*)

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1815

Polly Robinson, Feb. 5
 Nabby Joy, April 2
 Susan Mitchell Hall, April 2
 Ann Bradlee, April 2
 Joanna Frothingham, April 2
 P. L. Frothingham, April 2
 Mary Gibbens, May 4
 Sarah Wheelwright, May 4 (See
 May 4, 1815. Males, p. 10)
 Elizabeth Frazier, May 27
 Sarah Hayward, May 30
 Sophia Frothingham, June 4
 Eliza Lincoln, June 28
 Jane T. Reynolds, June 30

Fanny M. Reynolds, June 30
 Sarah Boies, June 30
 Joanna Frothingham, July 1
 Ruthy Webber, Aug. 5
 Pamela Brown, Oct. 5. (1850)
 Deborah Wheeler, Nov. 10

1816

Eunice Durant, Feb. 27 (*relation
 transferred February 1823*)
 Mary Pilsberry, July 2
 Sally Allen, Nov. 2 (See preceding
 page)

[19] This Covenant dispensed with by a unanimous vote of the Church
 July 6, 1828, as recorded at the end of the Signatures.

DECLARATION¹ OF FAITH SUBSCRIBED BY THOSE WHO REQUEST
 BAPTISM FOR THEIR CHILDREN

I. We, whose names are underwritten, declare our Faith in the one only living and true God.

II. We believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, that he was sanctified of the Father, and sent into the world, that he might redeem us from all iniquity; and purify to himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

III. We believe in that gospel, which was ratified by the death and resurrection of its author; and promise to make it the only rule of our faith and practice.

And we solemnly engage to educate our children in the faith and practice of that religion, to which we set our hand.

Signed

Benjamin Austin junior	James Dawson	Edward Curtis
Edward Read	Eliakim Morse	Peter Branch
David Tyler	Seer Kimbal	
Samuel Torrey	Robert Williams Junior	

¹ This Covenant and the signatures through P. C. Brooks, were transferred from the paper covered notebook begun by John Clarke in 1786.

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John Brown	George Cade	[<i>Samuel Bradlee 2d</i>] ³
Thomas Rogers	Abijah Cheever	John W. Blanchard
David Smith Marston	Joseph Harris	Samuel Miller Thayer
Mary ² Cunningham	Michael Bird	Phillis Ward
Samuel Thayer	Samuel Tucke	Venus Watson
David West	Gamaliel Bradford Junior	James Thwing
Benjamin Homer	James Phillips	Elisabeth Linnaken
Jonathan Williams	P. C. Brooks	Rachel Linnaken
Edmund Wright	[<i>Thomas Redman</i>]	Martha Linnaken
Lemuel Ludden	[<i>Mary Green</i>]	

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William Wesson	John G. Doubleday	Joshua Loring
Samuel Wheelwright	Elisha Woods	Edward Blake Junior
Eliza Bradford	William Stevenson	William Hickling
Sarah Bradford Hickling	Edward Carnes	Charles Paine
Charlotte Hickling	Allan Pollock	John West
Joseph Barrell Junior	David W. Bradlee	Obadiah Wright
	Benjamin Burt Hooton	

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Asa Bullard	Sarah Henry	Hannah Roberts
Asa Page	Harry Smith	Francis Noble
John Hancock Abbot	Catherine Waters	David S. Eaton
Sally Loring	John Q. Adams	John McLeod
Robert Little	Josiah Bradlee	John C. Warren
Benajah Brigham	James A. Allen	Hannah Gleason
Daniel Henry	Daniel Sargent junior	Orange Gleason

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Jacob Wendell	her	Nathaniel Wendell
Robert Morris	Susannah + Robins	Ebenezer Hall 3d
Abijah Pitcher	mark	Jonathan Heywood
Achsah Benjamin	Nehemiah Parsons	Penuel B. Rogers
Caleb Hayward	Hugh Mackenzie	James Whittemore
George Frost Junior	Alexander Gray	Joseph S. Buckingham
Nathaniel Sturgis	Jacob Rogers	Susanna Keys
	Henry Paine	

² *Polly* in original.³ These three names not transferred from original list.

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Rachel Upshall	Hugh Morrison by W. E[merson]	Thomas Farmer
Moses Barnard	David Francis	Francis Gray
Benjamin Robbins	James Fillis	William W. Clapp
John Burnstead	John Homans	John Ballard Junior
Jonathan Howard	James Mackenzie	Daniel L. Gibbens
Mary Newell	Isaac Hall	Mary Gibbens
Asa Richardson	William Hayden	Enoch Bartlett

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Abel Baker	Windsor Fay	William Goodwin
Sarah Baker	Henry Ayling	William Tucker
John Rayner	William Homer	1812
Elisabeth Rayner	Levi Bliss	Jan. 5
Charles W. Black	William Keith	Dec. 12
Mary Sanger	Ebenezer Osgood Fifield	Joseph P. Bradlee
Catharin Sanger	Archibald Young	Ann Brooks

[26] 1814

May 19	John May	Nov. 29	Lydia Lyman
June 2	Henry Cutter	1817	
Nov. 6	Robert Elwell	May 12	Jackson Neal by N. L.
1815			Frothingham
Feb. 17	Joseph F. Bordman	Sept. 19	Isaac Danforth
March 14	John Morse	Sept. 19	Benjamin B. Appleton
July 19	Peter Allen	Nov. 9	Charles Bowker
Dec. 1	John Lilley	1818	John Bowman
1816		May 3	Benjamin C. Phillips
April 20	James Allen	Aug. 1	Samuel L. Abbot
Sept. 18	N. H. Furness	Aug. 31	Joseph Otis
Nov. 16	E. T. F. Richardson	Sept. 26	Jacob Wendall

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Sept. 27	Benjamin Huntington	Sept. 29	Alfred Curtis
1819		1823	
March 21	Sam Henshaw	May 3	Edward Everett
June 6	Thomas West	May 19	James Sharp
Sept. 20	Matthew M. Hunt	Aug. 30	Eben Chadwick
1820		Oct. 18	William P. Winchester
Feb. 18	Ephraim Hall	Oct. 19	John Hooper
1821		1824	
January	George M. Gibbens	April 3	Joel Fay
Jan. 26	Isaac Otis	June 13	Otis Fairbankes
July 15	Georg L. Cade	Aug. 22	Charles Cole Jr.
		Nov. 28	Benjamin Apthorp Gould

[28] Boston, July 6, 1828.

The Subscriber, differing widely in opinion from his brethren in the vote on the opposite page; hereby expresses his sincere regret that such a vote should become necessary in the records of the First Church.

(signed) JAMES MORRILL Senior deacon of the church.

[29] July 6, 1828.

At a meeting of the brethren, communicants of the First Church, called by the pastor for the special purpose of considering the expediency of dispensing with the foregoing covenant, held in the church on Lord's day afternoon, July 6th 1828.

Present, D. Messinger, J. Phillips, D. Francis, N. Goddard, I. Hall, D. L. Gibbons, S. C. Thwing, G. W. Smith, S. Floyd, P. Allen, E. Clafflin.

Deacon Foster in the chair, it was unanimously VOTED, That the baptismal covenant of this church, commonly called the half-way covenant, be hereafter dispensed with.

A true copy,

attest N. L. FROTHINGHAM.

[30] January 19, 1829.

A meeting of the communicants, who are also proprietors, of the First Church, convened this afternoon. The meeting was called at the request of the deacons of the church. There were present The Pastor, Deacon Morrill, Deacon Foster, and of the brethren Edward Reynolds, Daniel Messinger, D. L. Gibbens, S. Floyd and S. C. Thwing.

The following resolutions were offered by Deacon Foster:

Whereas, at the annual meeting of the First Church Society, held on July 31, 1827, a vote was passed, and a Committee chosen, to dispose of a part of the land lying on the south side of the meeting house, and whereas, at a meeting of the Society on November 20, 1827, and at the last annual meeting, the Society confirmed said vote, and approved of the sale of a lot of land to Mr. G. F. Thayer, [31] and voted that a deed of the same be made to said Thayer, and that the deacons of the church be requested to execute said deed;

Now therefore

1. Voted That this church do approve of the doings of the Society, and of selling said lot of land to said G. F. Thayer,—also,

2. Voted That the deacons of this church be requested, and they are hereby requested, to sign a deed of said land to said Thayer, for and in behalf of this church.

3. Voted That the deacons be authorized, after executing said deed, to deliver the same to the Society's Committee for selling the land.

These resolutions were passed, though not without considerable opposition to the first of them, on the ground that the communicants of the church have nothing to do, either with approving or disapproving of the doings of the Society.

N. L. FROTHINGHAM.

[32] May 14, 1833.

A meeting of the brethren of the First Church was held this day at 8 o'clock at the house of the pastor. This being the first meeting of the communicants, held since the death of Deacon James Morrill, it was

Voted That this church remembers with respect and sensibility the character of its late venerable deacon, and the services which he so faithfully rendered to it, during a long series of years.

That it sympathises with the widow and family of its departed friend, joins with them in grateful acknowledgment of the divine goodness vouchsafed to him in the comforts of his sickness and the peacefulness of his end; and commends them to the consolations of that Christian faith, in which he lived usefully and died full of hope.

That a copy of the foregoing resolutions be transmitted to Mrs. Morrill, by the hands of the Pastor.

[33] The church proceeded to the choice of a deacon, and elected unanimously brother William B. Fowle. On his declining to accept the office, a new ballot was cast, and brother Isaac Hall was unanimously chosen.

Voted with one consent, to discontinue the collection for the poor of the Communion Service.

Voted that this church will hereafter hold an annual meeting, at the hands of the pastor, on the anniversary of its first gathering in 1630; to wit, on the evening of each twenty seventh of August.

Adjourned.

N. L. F.

May 20, 1833.

A meeting of the brethren was convened by the pastor, who gave notice that our brother Isaac Hall declined serving in the office of deacon. Brother

Samuel H. Babcock was then unanimously elected; and after an interesting conversation on the state and usages and interests of the church, the meeting was dissolved.

N. L. F.

[34] August 27, 1833.

The church met at the house of the pastor this evening; according to the resolution of May 14. Notice was given that brother S. H. Babcock was unwilling to be elected to the office of deacon. On the motion of br. D. L. Gibbens, the following vote was adopted:

Voted that the deacon of this church be requested to furnish for the use of the members a statement of all its pecuniary resources, embracing the amount of the several funds belonging, to, or in any way connected with this church or any of its members; or in trust or at the disposal of any of its officers; together with the origin of the said funds, and the conditions upon which any of them were accumulated; and the annual amount dispensed in charity, or otherwise, the number of recipients, and what proportion of these were members of the church or worshippers with the Society:

And that the deacon be further requested to furnish for the same purpose a complete schedule of the Communion Service, with the names of the donors of such pieces of plate as were presented to the church, with all such other particulars, as may be interesting to the members of the church.

[35] Whereupon the subject was referred to a Committee, consisting of the pastor, Deacon Foster and brother Charles C. Paine, with instructions to report as early as convenient. N. L. F.

February 24, 1834.

The church met this evening at the house of the pastor, when the following report was unanimously accepted.

The Committee appointed to make a report of the funds belonging to the Church, and of the Communion Table furniture with a description of the same, have attended to that duty and report:

That they find no record of the church funds since October 1806. At that time the record states the Fund for the poor generally \$1249.40

Fund for the Ministry	295. 7
Fund for Pious uses	132.20
	<hr/> \$1676.67

It appears by the accounts, that, on January 1, 1796 Interest was first received on \$800, 3 percent stock, on a Legacy of Suviah Thayer to the poor

of the Church and Society. Suviah Thayer also left \$1132.90 in 3 percent stock to the Deacons in trust, the interest to be paid to William Thayer, a non compos mentis, during his life, and at his death, the interest to be given to the poor of the Church and Society.

William Thayer died, and the interest on that sum [36] is first credited, December 1821. July 2, 1815: a legacy was received, left by Mrs. Abigail Gray of £50 sterling the interest to be given to the poor of the Church.

The amount of the Funds at the present time, is,

Fund for the poor generally	\$4160
Fund for the Ministry	600
Fund for Pious Uses	200
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	\$4960

which sum is invested in State Bank stock;

viz: 76 shares at \$60	4560
and First Church Society note	400
	<hr/>
	\$4960

The Committee offer the following as a correct Inventory and Description of the Plate belonging to First Church: viz.

1. A silver basin for Baptisms; with a coat of arms⁴ engraved on the rim, and I. Hurd stamped in the centre. weight, 2703. 5 dwt.
2. A Flaggon, with a coat of arms engraved in front, and an inscription underneath, "The Gift of the Honorable William Dummer Esq. to the First Church in Boston, 1726." 56 oz. 8 dwt.
3. A similar Flaggon, with the inscription within an ornamented oval, "The Gift of Deacon Thomas Waite⁵ to the First Church of Christ in Boston, May 15, 1775." 59 oz. 5 dwt.

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4. A tall embossed cup, with engraving and figures in relief, and this inscription written round the rim, "The Gift of Governor John Winthrop to the 1st Church in Boston," weight, 16 oz. 1 dwt. no date.
5. Three ornamented cups, lettered on the sides, "The Gift of Elder Joseph Bridgman to the first church in Boston, 1708." weight of the whole, 34 oz. 5 dwt.

⁴ Nathaniel Byfield left fifty ounces of plate each to the two ministers in 1733 and this basin was undoubtedly purchased from these legacies since it bears the Byfield arms.

⁵ Thomas Waite (1691-1775), Deacon of the First Church, 1735-1775, married third in 1769, Suviah Torrey who married second in 1779, Cornelius Thayer.

6. A similar cup, with the inscription on the side, "The Gift of James Everill⁶ to the First Church in Boston, 1705." 10 oz. 6 dwt.

7. Another similar cup, with these letters engraved on the bottom, "Ex dono A.D.⁷ Se Test ^m_{I.A.}"⁸ 10 oz. 6 dwt.

8. A plain cup, with this inscription, "The Gift of a Friend R * H."¹ These letters _B^T_(C) also are faintly visible. Date 1661, written on the bottom. 12 oz. 8 dwt.

9. A similar cup with the same faint letters; inscribed, "The Gift of a Freinde T * C."² 12 oz. 19 dwt.

10. A massy engraved cup, with the same letters _B^T_(C) impressed upon a polished oval in front; and an inscription above; "The Gift of a Freind I * H."³ 22 oz. 16 dwt.

11. Three large plain cups, inscribed, "The Gift of John Oxenbridg." 48 oz. 14 dwt.

12. A pair of cups, engraved on one side with a coat of arms, and on the other with this inscription in an ornamented cartouche, "The Gift of Mrs Lydia Hancock to the First Church of Christ in Boston, Sept. 4. 1773." 26 oz. 11 dwt.

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13. A plain cup, inscribed, "The Gift of J.S."⁴ 11 oz.

14. Another plain cup, inscribed _W^F_{P.}⁵ 12 oz. 5 dwt.

15. A tall, slender cup, plain, with the letters dotted _A^H_(E)⁶ 10 oz.

⁶ James Everill (died 1683), shoemaker.

⁷ Anne Dummer (died 1715), wife of Jeremiah Dummer, maker of the cup.

⁸ Joshua Atwater (died 1676), mercer, formerly of New Haven, father of Anne Dummer.

¹ Probably Robert Hull (died 1666), blacksmith; father of John Hull, silversmith.

² Probably Thomas Clarke, Jr. (died 1682/83), merchant, Ruling Elder, 1673-1682/83.

³ Probably Jeremy Houchin (died 1670), tanner; daughter married Rev. James Allen, teacher of the Church, 1668-1710.

⁴ Probably John Sunderland (died 1703 at Eastham), parchment maker in Boston.

⁵ Probably William and Phebe Franklin. He was a blacksmith in Boston but died in London c.1658.

⁶ Probably Atherton and Elizabeth Hough who came to Boston in 1633. He had been mayor of Boston in England and died in 1650.

16. A small cup, lettered in front ^{H. H.}⁷ and under the bottom ^{F.}⁸ _{R.E.} 7 oz. 11 dwt.

17. A pair of Tankards, lettered, "The Gift of Samuell More⁹ to the first church in Boston"; the smaller marked on the handle ^{W.}¹ _{B.S.} 1717. 52 oz. 1 dwt.

18. Another Tankard, a cartouche in front like No. 12, with the Inscription, "The Gift of Nathanael Balston Esq. to the first church of Christ in Boston 1773." On the handle are the initials ^{B.}² _{N.H.} 22 oz. 6 dwt.

19. Another Tankard, with this inscription in an ornamented cartouche, "The Gift of Madam Eliz: Welsteed to the First Church of Christ in Boston, 1752"; with the initials on the handle ^{W.}³ _{W.E.} 22 oz. 12 dwt.

20. A pair of cans, with a coat of arms engraved on the front, and underneath the Inscription, "The Gift of Deacon Jonathan Williams to the first Church of Christ in Boston, at his decease March 27, 1737." 28 oz. 9 dwt.

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21. A can inscribed "the Gift of John Forland⁴ to the first Church of Christ in Boston, for the use of the table, 1717." 11 oz. 11 dwt.

22. Two massy Tumblers, engraved in the same style as No. 10, with the same letters ^{T.}_{B.C.}⁵ one of them bearing the date 1659 under the initials. 13 oz. 12 dwt.

23. A Vase, figured with birds and flowers, bearing on the bottom the initials ^{S.}_{R.E.}⁶ 10 oz. 14 dwt.

24. Three plain Vases, with the initials ^{T.}_{O.C.}⁷ 38 oz. 1 dwt.

⁷ Probably George and Hannah Henley. He was a chandler who died in 1708; she died in 1708 and left in her will to the First Church a "silver Cup or bowl."

⁸ Perhaps Richard and Elizabeth Fairbanks who came to Boston in 1633 and from whom the cup passed to the Henleys.

⁹ Samuel More (died 1716) mariner; married Sarah, widow of Benedict Webber.

¹ Benedict and Sarah Webber, former owners.

² Nathaniel and Hannah (Hirst) Balston. He died in 1773.

³ William and Elizabeth (Dering) Welsteed. Their son, Rev. William Welsteed, was minister of the New Brick Church.

⁴ John Forland (died 1729), tobacconist.

⁵ i.e. B[oston] C[hurch].

⁶ Initials of former owner; believed to be the "silver tunn" bequeathed to the First Church by Rev. John Cotton in 1652.

⁷ i.e. O[ld] C[hurch].

25. Two spoons, with the same initials. 2 oz. 18 dwt.

26. Four Dishes, with the inscriptions round their rims, "Given by Suviah Thayer,⁸ in testimony of her respect for the First Church of Christ in Boston, A.D. 1796." 96 oz. 15 dwt.

The whole being forty pieces, and weighing Six Hundred and Seventy Two Ounces," and Nineteen Pennyweights.⁹

Two silver cups were put upon the *Communion Table*, as the gift of Mrs. Joshua Davis May 1, 1861. They are marked "D".¹

(Signed) N. L. FROTHINGHAM

JAMES H. FOSTER

CHARLES C. PAINÉ.

The meeting was then dissolved.

N. L. F.

[40] Sunday, September 27, 1840.

The communicants of the Church remained after the morning service, to consider the following communication from the church in Hollis St. viz. To the First Church in Boston, under the pastoral care of Rev. N. L. Frothingham, D.D.

Christian brethren,

The proprietors of Hollis Street Meeting House, having, by their special Committee, preferred articles or grounds of complaint against Rev. John Pierpont, the pastor of Hollis St. Church and Society, to be submitted to a mutual ecclesiastical council, as reasons for a dissolution of his pastoral relation; and the said pastor having agreed with the said proprietors, that the following churches in Boston; namely,

The First Church, under the pastoral care of Rev. N. L. Frothingham D.D.

The Second Church, under the pastoral care of Rev. Chandler Robbins.

The Brattle Street Church, under the pastoral care of Rev. S. K. Lothrop.

The New North Church, under the pastoral care of Rev. Francis Parkman D.D.

⁸ Suviah Thayer, widow of Deacon Cornelius Thayer, see above, p. 485.

⁹ The communion silver has been exhaustively studied by E. Alfred Jones in *The Old Silver of American Churches*. (Letchworth, England, National Society of Colonial Dames of America, 1913), pp. 19-35. The preceding notes have been drawn freely from this source.

¹ Added in later hand.

The New South Church, under the pastoral care of Rev. Alexander Young.

The Federal St. Church, under the pastoral care of Rev. William E. Channing D.D. and E. S. Gannett.

The West Church, under the pastoral care of Rev. Charles Lowell D.D. and Rev. Cyrus A. Bartol.

The King's Chapel, under the pastoral care of Rev. F. W. P. Greenwood D.D.

The Bulfinch St. Church, under the pastoral care of Rev. F. T. Gray.

The Twelfth Congregational Church, under the pastoral care of Rev. Samuel Barrett D.D.

The Purchase St. Church, under the pastoral care of Rev. George Ripley.

The South Congregational Church, under the pastoral care of Rev. Mellish I. Motte.

The Pitts St. Chapel, under the pastoral care of Rev. R. C. Waterston.

The Suffolk St. Chapel, under the pastoral care of Rev. J. T. Sargent.

[41] Each church to be represented by its pastor and one delegate, shall be invited to constitute the Council, to deliberate and decide thereupon; and the said agreement between the said proprietors and the pastor, having been communicated to the church with a request that it would issue its letters missive, in the usual form, for the convocation of the said churches, as a mutual ecclesiastical Council, and the church having voted so to do; Therefore, The Hollis Street Church does hereby respectfully request you by your pastor and a delegate, to sit in council, with the other churches above named, to deliberate upon said articles or grounds of complaint against the pastor of Hollis St. Church and Society, and the various specific allegations therein set forth; and to decide whether or not they are well founded; and, if so, whether or not they furnish good cause for removing him from his pastoral office.

The Council will convene at the Meeting House in Hollis Street, on Tuesday, the 13th day of October next, at 10 o'clock, A.M.

(Signed) SAMUEL MAY } Committee of
 HENRY BASS } Hollis St.
 ANDREW C. DORR } Church

JOHN PIERPONT, Pastor.

Boston, September 21, 1840.

[42] After considering the above, it was unanimously Voted that a letter should be addressed in reply, to the following purport.

The First Church to the Church in Hollis St.

Christian brethren,

We have received from you an invitation, bearing date of September 21, to join an ecclesiastical Council, which, it is proposed to assemble on the 13th of October next, in order to "deliberate upon certain articles or grounds of complaint against the pastor of Hollis St. Church and Society." The result, at which you wish to arrive, is this: that the said Council shall decide "whether or not the charges are well founded," and "whether or not they furnish good cause of removing him from his pastoral office," in case they are sustained.

If the object of the proposed council were, to endeavour to make peace in a distracted church, or to offer advice in an unhappy emergency, or even to pronounce an absolute decision upon a question of Christian expediency, we should not feel authorized to decline our part of the responsibility, however unpleasant and delicate might be the task. We should certainly not excuse ourselves from a disagreeable duty, it being ascertained really to be a duty, [43] from the love of our ease or the fear of obloquy. But the present case does not appear to us to have such a claim. While your request invites us to the most unwelcome of tasks, and the certainty of reproach, our duty seems to us, as those who have the peace and prosperity of our churches much at heart, to be in another direction.

You ask us to sit in judgment on the conduct of your minister, to say guilty or not guilty to accusations brought against him, and to declare whether there be cause enough therein for deposing him from his pastoral office.

We fear that this is asking of us too much; we doubt if we should be justified in giving we cannot foresee how much time, to the investigation of we know not what nor how many charges, when the very terms of your invitation imply, that, though the charges were well grounded, there would still remain a further question, whether or not they would be cause for removing him from his place; and we therefore respectfully decline giving our attendance according to your request.

On behalf of the Church,

N. L. FROTHINGHAM Pastor.

September 27, 1840.

[44] The following letter was soon afterwards received.

To the Christian Church in Boston under the pastoral care of the Rev. N. L. Frothingham, D.D.

Christian Brethren,

The Committee of the Proprietors of Hollis Street Meeting House, received on the 28th of September from the Hollis Street Church, a copy of certain letters missive, issued by said Church under date of September 21 and addressed to your Church.

The Society of Hollis Street Meeting House have not requested or authorized the church to issue such letters. The Society proposed to their Pastor to join them in an application to the Church to issue Letters Missive "in the usual form" to convene "a mutual Ecclesiastical Council to consider the question of dissolution of his connexion with said Society." Their Pastor declined joining in this application, and the Society has neither made nor assented to any other. Understanding that several of the Churches called to the Council by the above-named Letters have declined, and others are about to decline attending, on account of the peculiar form of those letters, so that the Council, if convened, will not consist of those originally agreed upon, the Committee have thought proper to inform you that the Society will not be parties to any proceedings by the others, should they convene under [45] letters issued without authority from them.

Very Respectfully,

JOSHUA CRANE	}	Committee of the Proprietors of Hollis Street Meeting House.
JOHN D. WILLIAMS		
DANIEL WELD		
RICHARD CHILD		
WILLIAM W. CLAPP		
TIMOTHY TILESTON		
RUEL BAKER		
WARREN WHITE		

Boston, October 3, 1840.

Whereupon it was Voted That the foregoing Letter be placed upon the files of the First Church.

N. L. FROTHINGHAM.

These Records of the First Church are carried forward to a distinct volume in folio, opened by the pastor, January 1, 1841.

N. L. F.

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		1927	1939
April 10	Olivia H. Armington		Jan. 22 Ima L. Steinert
	Helen V. Lothair		Jan. 22 Helen L. Newman
	A. Martha Reddish		Oct. 15 Sarah P. Harden
	C. Rose Single		1948
	William Single		Nov. 14 Mabel Rogers Lenk
	Carl R. Allen		Nov. 14 Gilbert L. Colpitts
	Myles Standish		Dec. 26 Howland Shaw Warren
	Louise M. Standish		Dec. 26 Margaret Turner Warren
	Ralph Bradley		
1928	Alice G. Cobb		1950
	Mabel Crawford		April 2 Ruth Putnam Mitchell
1929	F. S. Earle		
1936			1956
March 29	Mary Hyde Buckingham		March 27 Eleanor Cabot Bradley

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	1949		
April 10	Deborah Rugg		Constant Freeman Minns
	Annie Endicott Nourse		Wendell
	Henry Haeberle		
	Audrey Haeberle	1950	
	Arthur L. Stanek	April 2	
	Rosamond Dean Snow		James Lessells
	Valeria A. Knapp		Gladys Lessells
	Katherine M. Mohr		Gwendoline M. Jackson
	Kenneth K. Harms		Mary D. Hayward
	Margaret L. Howlett		Louise S. Holloway
	Catherine Van S. Swift		Frederick C. Klinck
	Wauneta Lupfer		Robert W. MacWilliams
	Milton J. Lupfer		Beth MacWilliams
	Susan M. Jackson		Arthur H. Vickerson
	James H. Jackson		Susan Pressey Moulton

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[133] Baptisms 1794

January 5	Edward, son of Peter Chardon and Anne Brooks	January 19	Charles Augustus, son of Abijah and Elizabeth Cheever
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March 9	Elizabeth Paine, daughter of Benjamin and Abigail Homer	April 6	Hannah, daughter of Enoch Huse
	Dalton, son of John and Abigail Blanchard		Ann Boylstone, daughter of John and Sarah Williams
	—, son of David and Sarah Tyler		Catherine, daughter of Martin and Sarah Burkis.
March 25	George, son of Joseph and Jane Woodward		

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DECLARATION OF FAITH,

SUBSCRIBED BY MEMBERS OF THE FIRST CHURCH

1st. We, whose names are underwritten, declare our faith in the one only living and true God.

2nd. We believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, that he was sanctified of the Father and sent into the world, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and “purify to himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.”

3rd. We believe in that gospel, which was ratified by the death and resurrection of its author, and solemnly promise to make it the only rule of our faith and practice.

[136] United by the ties of one Lord, one common faith and one baptism, we promise to live in Christian love, to watch over each other as members of the same body; to counsel and assist whenever there shall be occasion; to be faithful to our Master, and faithful to each other, waiting in joyful hope of an eternal, happy intercourse in the heavenly world.

Signed

1829

June 5 Harriot Hinckley Mes-singer

June 5 Martha Ann Stevenson

July 31 Horatio Dorr

July 31 Amanda M. Stanwood

November Noah Doggett

November C. Doggett

1830

October Charles Cushing Paine

1831

November Marian Skinner

December Susan O. Brooks

1833

May Frances C. Paine

May Emmeline Austin

1834

May Elizabeth F. Lincoln

1835

April Henry W. Torrey

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Aug. 2	Mary F. Allen	Nov. 29	Elizabeth Davis Bradlee
Aug. 2	Sarah A. Allen	Nov. 29	Matilda Williams Bradlee
1836		Jan. 31	Mary C. Morse
February	Lucretia Bradlee	1840	
March	Harriot Alline	January	Elizabeth Richardson
1837		January	Abby Lydia Davis
May	Mary Goddard	April	Ann G. Everett
1838		April	Augusta Dunlap
June 1	Hannah G. Brown	1841	
Aug. 2	Thaddeus Mason Harris	January	John Eliot Thayer
Aug. 2	Mary Harris	January	Anna Francis Thayer
August	Anna Alleyne Chickering		<i>Died in 1849</i>
1839		August	James B. Richardson
January	Elizabeth Adams	August	Hannah Reed
Nov. 29	Samuel Bradlee	August	Hannah F. Richardson
		December	Moses Everett

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1842		Jan. 5	John P. Bigelow
April 27	Maria D. Hayden (<i>dissi-</i> <i>sion granted, April, 1843,</i> <i>returned in 1844</i>)	Jan. 31	Eloise B. Fowle
		Feb. 1	C. F. Adams
		Feb. 1	A. B. Adams
April 27	Joanna Frothingham Lin- coln. <i>Died 1850</i>	April 6	Octavius B. Frothingham
1843		July 31	Eliza Davis Bradlee
May 3	Abigail Whitney	July 31	Ellen Matilda Bradlee.
June 1	Timothy Eaton		<i>Died July 22, 1851</i>
June 1	Mary Fiske Eaton	July 31	Sarah F. Prince
1844		July 31	Elizabeth Prince
Jan. 3	Nabby Balch	July 31	Edward F. Weld
Jan. 3	Anne Balch	July 31	Abigail Ann Weld
Jan. 5	Sarah S. Benjamin	July 31	Thomas Gray Jr. <i>Died</i> <i>1849</i>
		July 31	Mary F. Gray

(See Records of the First-Church, pages 14, 15 and 16.)

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COVENANT OF THE FIRST CHURCH

“We, whose names are hereunder written” declare our faith

1st In the One Living and True God;

2nd In the lord Jesus Christ, that he was sanctified of the Father, and
sent into the world, that the world through him might be saved; and

3rd In that Gospel, which was confirmed by the death and resurrection of its Author, and which is binding upon us as the only rule of our faith and practice.

Being "united into one Congregation or church, under the Lord Jesus Christ, we do hereby [140] solemnly and religiously promise to walk in all our ways according to the rule of the Gospel, and in all sincere conformity to his holy ordinances, and in mutual love and respect each to other, so near as God shall give us grace."

1844

Oct. 12	J. G. Hallet Elizabeth Hallet	Oct. 18	Catharine Appleton
Oct. 16	Luther Hamilton Delia Hamilton	Oct. 20	James T. Hayward
Oct. 17	Charles Brooks Charlotte A. H. Brooks	Oct. 21	Sarah A. Hayward
		Oct. 22	Jesse Chickering
			Ellen M. Buckingham
			Joseph Palmer

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Feb. 17	Edward Hamilton Susan Prescott	March	Sarah Isabel Williams
1846		1850	
Aug. 19	Thomas B. Wales. <i>Died June 15, 1853</i>	July	Caroline Danforth Fales
1847		1853	

April 27	Louisa A. Bigelow (1847)	July	Rufus Ellis
Oct. 4	Pelham W. Warren (1848)	June	Gertrude L. Ellis
1848		July	Samuel L. Abbot
Feb. 16	Edward Reynolds Hall	June	Mary Otis Bailey
May 20	Amelia Langdon Harris	November	Susan Francis
July 29	Caroline L. Bradlee	December	Julia B. H. James
July 29	Caleb D. Bradlee		Catherine G. Salmon
Dec. 18	Margarette A. Williams	March	Louisa M. Goddard
			Fanny Curtis
			Harriet Louisa Gibbens
			Frances Maria Gibbens

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March 3	Mary Anne Wales Ellen Frothingham	1855	Sarah Cushing Paine
July 4	George W. Wales Maria W. Wales	Jan. 1	Fanny Jackson Paine
November	Charlotte Sewell Hooper Mila Vose	Feb. 1	Sarah A. Marsh
		March 1	Mary Caroline Tileston Joseph M. Sherburne

	Sarah Augusta Sherburne	1856
	Belle Fenno Sherburne	Jan. 6
Oct. 6	Susan Ann Buckminster	William Everett
	Hayden	Hermann J. Warner
	Julia Gorham Hayden	March 17
	Harriet Barker	George Bates

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March 21	Charles L. Hayward	1858
March 21	Emmeline G. Hayward	Jan. 1
	her	George O. Shattuck
	Rosanna x Merrifield	Feb. 5
	mark	Amelia D. Huntington
Dec. 1	Abby M. Storer	Marthaann Knowles
	Lucy H. Bradlee	Sarah Woodberry
1857	George O. Harris	Elizabeth Woodberry
Feb. 1	Ellen Hathorne Bailey	James W. Carter (added in
	J. Ellery Piper	compliance with his dying
		request)
		Lucy D. Carter
		Mary K. French

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Oct. 2	Octavia Gardner Dupee	Katherine D. Ayers
Oct. 2	Melinda Orr	Mary B. Ayers
	Melinda Jane Norris	Sarah Dodge
	Anne Brooks Frothingham	Robert Treat Paine Jr.
	Matilda C. Abbot	
1859		1860
April 12	George Callender	Thomas Austin
April 12	John Collamore	Anna P. Austin
April 12	Catharine Collamore	H. B. Rice
	D. Waldo Salisbury	Olive G. Rice
April 21	George Fowle	Lizzie D. W. Weld
June 3	Felicia H. Hayden	Ann Colburn
	Caroline A. Hayden	Caroline Fowle

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	Marion C. Dexter	May 24	Margaret J. Plumer
	Frances H. Tilden	1862	
1861		May 22	Mary L. Eliot
Feb. 2	Marianne Paine	1863	
March 21	Elisa Collamore	Jan. 4	Prescott Bigelow
March 28	Calvin W. Clark		

March 1	George R. Clarke	1865	
April 28	Chas E. Storer	Jan. 1	Elisabeth C. Callender
	Mariana P. Storer	May 5	Mary T. Phillips
Dec. 22	Ellen C. Hall	May 5	Helen Collamore
1864			Susan Hammond
Jan. 2	Frances S. H. Wright		

May 28, 1865.

At a Meeting of the Male Communicants of First Church held May 28, 1865 it was Voted That the Covenant offered to Communicants for their signatures shall be henceforth that under which the Church was originally gathered, as follows on the next page.

[146] This Church was gathered August 27, 1630 under the following Covenant:

In the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, and in obedience to his holy will and divine ordinance,

We, whose names are hereunder written, being by His most wise and good providence brought together into this part of America, in the bay of Massachusetts; and desirous to unite ourselves into one Congregation or Church, under the Lord Jesus Christ, our head, in such sort as becometh all those whom he hath redeemed and sanctified to himself,—do hereby solemnly and religiously (as in his most holy presence) promise and bind ourselves to walk in all our ways [147] according to the rule of the Gospel, and in all sincere conformity to his holy ordinances, and in mutual love and respect each to other, so near as God shall give us grace.

1865		May 1	Lucia A. Dow
June 5	Eliza Cunningham Nickerson		Thomas B. Wales
			Jennette M. Wales
June 24	Peter Chardon Brooks	Nov. 2	Helen Paine
1866		Nov. 2	Mary Dexter
Jan. 1	Frances Harrod Downes	Nov. 2	Julia L. Jones
April 5	James W. Brackin	1868	
Dec. 22	H. A. Pettee	Jan. 2	M. Josephine W. Lord
1867		Jan. 3	Octavia G. Dupee
March 15	Alice S. Wheeler		

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May 16	Louisa G. Fessenden		Emma L. Hood
	M. A. Hood	Oct. 24	Turner Sargent
June 8	Ellen A. Hood		

1869		March 28	Florence D. Chapman
March 21	Henry Saltonstall	April 28	James H. Blake
March 21	Georgiana C. Saltonstall	Dec. 31	Anna P. Chandler
March 24	Rebecca A. Brackin	1870	
March 24	Mary E. Bath	Jan. 21	John H. Reed
March 25	Elizabeth P. Rogers		Sarah P. Reed
March 25	Cynthia M. Beckler	Jan. 30	Catherine O. Sumner
April 3	Andrew T. Hall		

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1871			Sarah T. Peele
Feb. 27	Ruth Silsbee	1873	
Feb. 27	Marianne C. D. Silsbee	Jan. 4	Thomas Goddard
April 3	Otis Drury	Jan. 4	Sarah F. Goddard
	Julia Ann Drury	April 3	Helen E. Wilkins
April 12	N. D. Pickman	April 6	Adriana K. Pease
	C. Pickman		Minnie T. Liebold
	Jonathan Ellis		Annie J. Hill
Oct. 29	G. Washington Warren		Caroline Reuter
	Georgiana Warren		Robert Hill
1872			Charlotte Cairnes
Feb. 29	Eilen Augusta Turner		

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April 6	Annie Cairne	1873	Annie M. Welfel
	Elizabeth Louisa Dorr		Sophie E. Zeuner
	Mary E. Brackett		Elvira W. Hibbard
	Maggie Albrecht [?] ²		Caroline Fleck
	Sarah E. Smith		Caroline Foster Mandell
	Carrie Doll		Louise Tomson Paul
	Hermina Reinhhardt		Mary Gaffey
	Elizabeth Reinhhardt		Emm L. Behr
	Anne E. Bornkessel		Charlotte R. Myers

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Sept. 26	Joseph P. Sheafe Jr.	1873	Eliza F. Cutler
March 16	Deborah L. Cutler		Amelia J. Sargent
March 16	Dora Louise Cutler	June 5	Catharine Hale
	Sarah A. Preble		Margaret F. King
	Annie M. Young		Mary J. Rogers
	Mary Ann Bennet	1875	
	Emma Schrempf	June 27	Cornelia A. Mudge

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1876
 March 7 Carrie Taylor
 March 29 Fannie F. Larkin
 April 9 Louisa A. Bennet

Louisa Behr
 Anne Richner
 Elizabeth Dorr
 Bertha L. Hammutz

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April 9 Emma L. Bernhardt
 Rosa Zepfle
 Lucilla W. Cutler
 Richard F. Wegerdt
 Emma Doll
 S. M. Francis
 Louisa Doll
 William Dorr
 Thomas W. Daley
 Louisa Schiel

1877
 May 8 Abby H. Thayer
 Feb. 15 Lucy B. Holder
 March 18 Edward Clarke Ellis
 March 25 Pauline Loebisch
 Louisa M. Wilfert
 Johanna Jennewein
 Eugenie V. Walther
 Helen C. Buttinger

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Nora Burke
 Louisa Bornkessel
 Phillipena Zeuner
 Carrie Baeumler
 Nina Arietta Page
 Mary Godfrey
 Emilie H. Bernhard
 Etta A. Hodgdon
 Harriet Morse
 Augustus A. Heuser
 April 12 W. A. Fry

May 6 Catherine Hill
 Nov. 2 Charles Inches
 1878
 Jan. 9 William Putnam Kuhn
 Jan. 19 Edward L. Adams
 Emily M. Adams
 June 5 Henry E. Doering
 Andrew L. Boehr
 Valentine Freiburger
 June 9 T. Mc Olive

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June 10 Theresa M. Engel
 Emma C. Lehmann
 Susan Oedel
 Abbie N. Burke
 Emma M. Becker
 Mathilda Miller
 Isabella McAuliff
 1879
 April 6 Frederick S. Fleck
 William H. Roos

Rebecca Milliken
 Gertrude A. Drew
 Julia E. Drew
 Annie Taylor
 Hannah Dunn
 Mary E. Milliken
 Helen Godfrey
 Matilda Gimber
 Mary Slingol
 April 20 Judith B. Osborne

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May 11	Sarah Elizabeth Brown	Emily A. Scholl
	Ada Thankful Brown	Margaret R. Angelbeek
	Bertha Gertrude Roch	Louise Gage Coburn
1880		Mabel Thornton Turner
March 21	Fannie T. French	Annie C. Nostrom
March 21	Fanny S. French	Syble J. Osborne
	Pauline H. E. Rauscher	Eliza J. Godfrey
	Wilhelmina J. Doering	Helen Walker
		1872

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1881		Fred W. Winkelmann
March 6	Arthur Blake Ellis	John Hill
	Helen Hartigan	Mary S. Dwight
	Lena Grasser	
	Emma Oedel	1882
	Katharine J. Linton	March 1
	Mary Grasser	April 2
	Hattie P. A. Heimann	Louise Frederick
	Mary E. Müller	Charles Hörlein
	Jennie Cumming	John Adams Plannett
	Louisa Guething	John Winkelmann
	Annie L. Nagel	Emma E. Faber
	Harrietta O. Waite	Henrietta Baker
		Amelia Karnheim
		Ida Appell

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Helena J. Schildknecht	Charles A. Heuser
Mary Bartholmesz	Adolph Doll
Emma Baeumler	Albert F. Bertram
Maggie Gimber	John Fred Pfau
Emma Stengel	Sarah A. Crawshaw
Louis Kolb	Maggie S. Lambrecht
Frank Zepfier	Louisa M. Bauer
Samuel B. Neal	Julia M. Traub
Louisa Chadwick	Emma H. Coles
March 18 Charles H. Reuter	

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Mary E. A. Schwörer	Caroline L. Fein
Mary Bachofner	Sophie Sterr
Rosie Holzschuh	Lizzie Hill
Rosa Sterr	Mary L. R. Reuter

1884		Rose Lever
April 6	Robert Riedl	Eliza Gimber
	Adam Bassing	Katie Bartholmesz
	Amelia Hammutz	Margaret A. Badger
	Louisa Bassing	Henry J. Sweny M.D.
	Annie Holzschuh	Ethel Davis
	Julia A. Roch	Maria Bowen
	Minnie Bassing	Helen E. Bowen

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1885		
March 29	Ida Prescott Bigelow	Sarah H. Doering
	Eldredge	Emma Stillberger
	Henry Schaeff	1887
	Lottie C. Bodenschatz	April 1
	Carrie Webber	April 3
	Mary Pfau	Joseph J. Linton
	Louisa Webber	Matilda J. Rietzel
	Louisa Becker	Josephine Fertig
	Mary Becker	Louise W. Heimann
	Anna J. Schlicht	May A. Henage
	Amelia Guething	Mary Hayes
		Ida M. Jenkins
		W. Knappe

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Minnie Bernhardt	Rodreck Cochran
Emma A. Heilemann	Gustave Heuser
Frances Erichberg	William R. Cleary
Eugenie Martikke	Fred T. Heuser
Jemima M. McKee	Gustavus Bartholmesz
Elsie F. Schroeter	William Brenneis
A. Lizzie Schneider	Frank F. Hayes
Paulina Weber	Rudolph Martikke
Annie Stevens	Adam Hoffmann
Lewis F. Kilian	Frederic Carl Streck
Henry A. Winkelman	

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1888		Maria Burnside
May 13	Louis G. Schlicht	Pauline Roch (<i>Withdrew</i>
	Charles J. Milliken	<i>March 15, 1921</i>)
	Jacob Bernhardt	Mamie H. Schlicht
	Louisa Siebert	Sarah Hill
	Minnie F. Riedl	Julia Schaeff

	Lena Heuser	Clareta H. E. Nason
	Sophie Stevens	Margie Durgin
	Ottilie Siebert	Francena Hodgdon
	Clementina Murray	Mary J. Black
1889		Frieda S. Schmidt
April 14	Clara W. Fischer	Christina C. Odemueller
	Anna E. Fischer	Lizzie T. Kirchgassner

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April 4	Helen Ellis	Herrman Schiel
	Lizzie L. Hayes (2 years before)	Richard Riedl
	Mary Lang (2 years before)	Adolf Samsel
	Edward Raithel	Mabel Sears
	Leo Dembinski	1891
June 7	Fred Chandler Jr.	March 29
1890		Maggie Cairnes (Jan. 2, 1915, dismissed to Hall Place Methodist Episcopal Church, West Quincy)
March 30	Augusta Rantoul Endicott	A. Theresa Murray
March 30	Alice Hastings	Marian Ellgner
	Matilda Lips	Katie Burnside
	Rosa Heerde	Amelia L. Miller
	Fredrick W. Martikke (Withdrew Feb. 2, 1928)	Edith H. Sears
	Joseph Gimber	Miriam V. E. Sears
	Edward Bartholmesz	Annie Ellgner

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	Louise R. Helmboldt	Lizzie M. Dold
	Louisa Kuhn	Annie Heinlein
	Lizzie Spiegel	Annie Hanson
	Louise Schwörer	Caroline S. Jenkins (Mathison)
	Emma Loeffler	William Bodenbrown
	Lillie Jenkins	Frank L. Kirchgassner
	Lina Schmidt	John N. Gebhardt
1892		John F. Beck
April 10	Florence Zapp	Fred Youdt
	Annie M. Baecher	Vigo A. Hanson
	Gretchen H. Baecher	Mary H. Bodinbrown

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1893		Frieda Werner
April 23	Robert Simpson	Pauline Rieger
	Albert C. Faul	Ellen F. Dresser
	Emma A. Richberg	Louisa F. Baumann
	Johanna Plannett	

1894		Carrie Weber
May 6	Annie Engel	Carrie Fuchs
	Josephine M. Burnside	Delia Baecher
	Lydia E. Heuser	1895
	Lizzie Bernhardt	April 7
	Minnie Dick	Annie Hoffmann
	Bertha Albrecht	Alice Koegel (<i>Withdrawn</i> <i>June 23, 1924</i>)
	Johanna Zaugg	Lydia Hanson
	Rosie Dick	

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Mary Paine Stockemer	1896	
Theresa C. Siebert	May 17	Lucia A. Stanek
Hermine J. Koegel		Bertha M. Siebert
Lena Schneider		Lucy E. Hanson
Carrie Bornan		Annie M. Engewald
Robert Heyder		Dora M. Eldredge
Otto P. Faul		Margaret L. Dold
Otto Kohl		Amelia Gimber
Adolf Gebhardt		Martha Engewald
Conrad Albrecht		Otelia Seth
Fred Bartholmesz		Minnie Richberg
Hans L. Zaugg		
Albert G. Demling		

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Estelle Davis Hooley	Elizabeth Stoker
Louise Ellgner	Annie E. Janse
Elizabeth M. Sandilands	Barbara Albrecht
Edward Bemburg	Bertha L. Baeumler
Emil Heuser	Annie Ellgner
David Bates	Annie B. Smith
Frank Fuohs	Emma Schlums
John Davis Hooley	Helen L. Bond
Louis H. Zaugg	Otto L. Zaugg
Anna Nagel	Philip F. Bauman

1897

April 11 Augusta Ellgner

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1899	Lillie Galler (<i>Withdrawn</i> <i>Dec. 14, 1932</i>)
May 21	Matilda Leonard
	Lillie Baldner (<i>Withdrawn</i> <i>May 20, 1925</i>)

Bertha Sell
Frieda Schlums

Katy Baumann
 Christena Lenz
 Emma Lenz
 Loulu Sauer

Ella Koegel
 Louise Roth
 Harry Mayer
 Robert Franke

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1900

April 8 Louise F. Bolliger
 Christina M. Lenz
 Jeanie N. Sandiland
 Rosa F. Young
 Elsa L. Mayer
 Christian Schmirbush
 William Herman Ellgner

Alexander Martikke
 Grace L. Faulkner
 Marie Dold
 Joseph E. Hodgkins
 Ida B. Neff
 Jennie Moir
 Charlotte M. Richberg

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1901

March 31 Bertha Ellgner
 Emilia E. Schworer
 Emma E. Kelble
 Louisa G. Vöhn
 Esther C. Seth
 A. Lauretta M. Groenwald

Lena Young
 Josephine Weber
 Mary Bowman
 Paul Schlums
 Arthur P. Porter
 Louise E. Kohl

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1902

March 23 Kathrine Goeller
 William J. Burrows
 William Renner

Bertha L. Engel (*Withdrew*
Apr. 1, 1934)
 Gertrude E. Sears

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1903

April 5 Mary Burrows
 Caroline Blasser
 Sabina Stanek
 Lena E. Duenges
 Annie Sell
 Mary Ernestine Severin
 Irene Leister
 Freda Kelble

Mary Willhauk
 Margaret Stripp (*Withdrew*
Feb. 26, 1935)
 Louise Freck
 Lucy Pistor
 Leonore Pistor
 Alma H. Salzgeber
 Bertha Olbrich
 Bertha Christmann

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1904

March 27	Marie Koch (Berenice) Cora Spieler (<i>Withdrew</i> <i>Feb. 13, 1928</i>) Ida Martha Louise Richberg (Helen) Clara George Hunter Magnas Theodore Nelson	Ethel Ingeborg Nelson Anna Elizabeth Nelson Julia Rose Zaugg Bertha M. Meister John Bauman (Godfrey) Bertha E. A. Künstler Elsie E. Künstler
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1905

April 16	Clara C. Blasser Emma W. Demling Emily M. Getz Helen M. Stanek Martha A. Schlums	Sophia Bowman Dorothea Bigelow Marsh Henrietta W. L. Russert Florine Louise Galvin George A. Willhauk
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1907

March 24	Irene E. Hunter Wilhelmina B. Baasner Elizabeth Christman Edith Faulkner Jessica J. Trommer Frances C. Sheehan Katherine Bletzer Alice L. Nilson Hilda C. Gebhardt Minnie F. Getz	April 12	Gertrude E. H. Johnson Emilie A. Bertsch Margaret Boyd Moir Christine M. Ott May B. Wajstak Emma G. Engel George C. Mahan Carl F. Christmann George Dold
April 13	Gertrude S. Ellis	April 26	Louisa A. Gilbert Marcellus N. Gilbert

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April 4	Fannie Gertrude Dickie Katherine Louise Burrows Charlotte Elinore Fratus Sophie Charlotte Sell Mabel H. Fratus Charlotte Margaruite Young	Clara Elizabeth Baumann Joan Margaret Matilda Christmann Ferdinand Ulyss Wilhauck John F. Pfau Frederick Dold Samuel May Boardman Sarah H. Williamson
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May 9	Eleanor Williams Daggett	1913
1911		
April 18	Henry H. Edes	March 31 Cornelia B. Rodman (<i>June</i>
Nov. 5	Mary Elizabeth Bradlee	<i>30, 1924, dismissed to</i>
Nov. 6	Sarah Elizabeth Bradlee	<i>Wellesley Congregational</i>
	Mary E. Huntington	<i>Church</i>)
Nov. 23	Helen P. Ellis	March 31 Evangeline Wilson Young

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Aug. 20	Mary Quincy Thorndike	Florence L. MacKay
	Mary E. Park	1929
	Charles E. Park	April 13 Edith Endicott Stebbins
1914		1932
March 27	John W. Denny	Jan. 18 Helen W. Stearns
June 21	William Ellery	Jan. 18 Mrs. Clarence S. Angell
	Bessie Bell Collar	Jan. 18 Clarence S. Angell
	A. Isabel Winslow	1940
	Gertrude F. Townsend	April 11 Celia M. Burdett
1916		1942
March 2	Caroline C. Burlen	June 11 John Hoar Jr.
	Mary D. Davenport	
1922		
March 26	Gertrude S. Taber	

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1942		1945
Nov. 29	Hazel Bell Henry Jewett (<i>Withdrew</i>)	Dec. 16 Lawrence Shaw Mayo
		1946
1944		Oct. 27 Robert A. Ware
Dec. 30	Walter Atherton	Oct. 27 John D. Henry
	Grace H. Atherton	

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At a meeting of the Communicant Members, held Sunday November 7, 1909, it was voted the following Preamble be adopted and prefixed to the Covenant of this Church. As follows:

PREAMBLE

Confessing ourselves in hearty accord with its spirit of true and earnest endeavor, if not with its definition of theological faith, and cherishing in honor and affection its form as being the original bond of union for our Church, we do affix our names to this Covenant in the belief that its spirit is more than its letter, and with the hope that its prompting unto all good works and holy living may be as potent for us as for those of former times:

COVENANT

In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ and in obedience to his holy [182] will and divine ordinance.

We, whose names are hereunder written, being by his most wise and good Providence brought together into this part of America, in the Bay of Massachusetts, and desirous to unite ourselves into one congregation or Church under the Lord Jesus Christ, our Head, in such sort as becometh all those whom he hath redeemed and sanctified to himself, do hereby solemnly and religiously (as in his most holy Presence) promise and bind ourselves to walk in all our ways according to the rule of the gospel, and in all sincere conformity to his holy ordinances, and in mutual love and respect each to other, so near as God shall give us grace.

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1910		Rose Wieland (<i>Jan. 2, 1915</i> , <i>dismissed to 1st Cong. Ch.</i> <i>Malden</i>)
March 20	Anna Emrich	
	Lillian Sell	Emily Thierauf
	Louise Hurst	Minnie Lauer
	Rosa Hauck	Ethel Crickard
	Elsie M. Thierauf	Elizabeth F. Burrows
	Alice P. Hoffmann	Lillian S. Duemmling
	Etta M. Greim	Ruth Salzgeber
	Margaret Mahan	Agnes C. Dickie
	Margaret M. Mahan	Helen C. Bletzer (<i>Dismissed</i> <i>March 23, 1926</i>)
	Angelina Richardson	Mabel Adeline Heuser
	George T. Cruft	Lillian H. Robb
Oct. 28	Marshall B. Fanning	
	Mary M. Fanning	
1911		
April 9	Olga E. Bletzer	

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Walter C. Blasser	Sept. 19	Marion Dudley Endicott
John P. Young	Oct. 15	Adeline L. Sylvester
George J. Blasser		George B. Sylvester
Spencer Washington Honey	Nov. 6	Charles Walter Bradlee
Lydia J. Dale	Nov. 14	Oscar F. Adams
Elizabeth L. Tappan	Nov. 26	Edith H. Sears
William Stanley Parker		Mary D. Bush
Charles E. Loud	Nov. 26	Dawes Eliot Furness
Margaret K. Cummings	Nov.	Rebekah T. Furness
Henry Endicott		Laura Furness
Arthur W. Moors		

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Mary H. Dennie		Gertrude Robinson
Rebecca W. Walker		Jamesina M. Janse
1912		Jessie C. Mahan
Jan. 4	Charlotte A. Bartol	Marion Dickie
Jan. 10	Fanny S. Cutler	John J. Thomas
	Mary S. Ames	Frances Pickering Thomas
Jan. 16	Maria D. Hastings	Margaret Cummings
Jan. 16	Maria D. Hastings 2nd	J. B. Millet
	Desdemona M. Künstler	Emily Millet
	Maud Peterson	Elisabeth F. Millet
	Alice Anderson	Hulda E. Jacobson (<i>Released March 9, 1924</i>)
	Ruth Muller	

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1913		Robert J. Haeberle (<i>Dismissed Sept. 28, 1933</i>)
March 16	Ella Sell	William Pfau
	Otilia Rauch	
	Janet G. Schaffer	1915
	Erna Bauer	March 28
	Frieda Emrich	Mabel Peterson
1914		Lillian Hunter
April 5	Beatrice Morrill	Bernice Morrill
	Corinne Anderson	Dorothy Hasselmann
	Lillian A. Walters	Emma Wilson
	Clara Thierauf	Hilda G. Meister
	Mary Getz	Jennie B. Stratton
	Anna Hoffman	Helen E. Dawson
	Margaret Hoffman	Elsie P. Wienold
	Paul Theodore Jacobson	Helen L. Fritsch
	(Withdrew May 20, 1925)	Amelia E. Ellgner

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1916	Ruth Robinson Ethel May Muller Arthur Young Frank Peterson Charles Blasser	1917	Elsa Müller Edith Bassing Louise Müller Josef Mueller Herbert Jones Gustave William Anderson
April 16	Ida M. Howard Louise A. Webberson Emma Irene Bletzer (<i>Released Feb. 23, 1921</i>) Gladys Pauline Leavitt Emma Helen Wienold Lily C. E. Burgstahler Ruth Richwood Florence E. McLellan Gertrude Hoering	April 1	Daniel Edmund Schnabel Madeline Elizbeth Bletzer Charles Henry Schmitt (<i>Released June 5, 1925</i>) Lillian Anna Dorothea Young Henry Haerle Irma Dorothea Mueller
1918			
March 31	Madeleine W. Van Hall Alice E. Ernst Lillian C. Reis Dorothy Haertl Olga Jacobson (<i>Released March 9, 1924</i>) Ida Elizabeth Richwood Francis Duemmling Alfred Emrich	1919	Arthur E. Mueller Charles E. Reddish Paul R. Morrill
		April 13	Matilda Alida Meller Fannie Katherine Mueller Thora M. Meller Mabel Lenea Jacobson (<i>Withdrawn May 20, 1925</i>) Laura Kelsey Dorothy Thorndike Mrs. Fred Berg Virginia P. Moors Frederick Lawton

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1918			
March 31	Madeleine W. Van Hall Alice E. Ernst Lillian C. Reis Dorothy Haertl Olga Jacobson (<i>Released March 9, 1924</i>) Ida Elizabeth Richwood Francis Duemmling Alfred Emrich	1919	Arthur E. Mueller Charles E. Reddish Paul R. Morrill
		April 13	Matilda Alida Meller Fannie Katherine Mueller Thora M. Meller Mabel Lenea Jacobson (<i>Withdrawn May 20, 1925</i>) Laura Kelsey Dorothy Thorndike Mrs. Fred Berg Virginia P. Moors Frederick Lawton
		May 18	
		Dec. 7	

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1920			
March 28	Mabel M. Janse Emily M. Heumann Carolynn Catherine Gebhardt Mabel Jennie Muller Caroline C. Burlen Jan. 3	March 20	Theodore Schlosky Anna Hoering Margaret Hoering Emma Schnabel Irene Schnabel Henry Young Ralph Anderson (<i>Withdrawn</i>)

	Harold Edward Jacobson (Withdrew March 9, 1924)	Helene G. Siebeneicher Martha C. Richter Walter B. Van Hall Edwin J. Haertl Henry T. Ernst Henry C. Oberlander William Lambert Barnard
1922		
April 9	Caroline Anderson (With- drawn) Geraldine E. Silloway	

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1922		Elsa Dannbauer
April 9	Arthur Foote	Louise Josephine Gonser
	Grace W. Minns	Lena Dietrich
1923		Dorothy Hilda Gebhardt
March 25	Theresa Meller	Julia Madaline Grogan
	Margaret A. Sorenson	Gertrude Katherine Schnabel
	Myrtle M. Miller	Margaret Louise Scholksky
1924		Janet Marion Sorenson
Feb. 10	Lucy G. Peabody	Arthur Alexander Schnabel
April 13	Charles E. Holmquist	Annie P. Vinton
	George Dauberschmidt	Mrs. Charles Sumner Jacobs
	George Rommell	Isabel Wesson
1925		Henry F. Armington
April 5	Edith F. Anderson (<i>Withdrew</i>)	Olivia H. Armington
		Elizabeth Curtis

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Mrs. David Mason Little	Mark Harrison Smith
Emma L. Coleman	Henry O. Cushman
Susan S. Gray	Isabel Cushman
Marjorie Gray	1929
Harriet G. Lewis	Jan. 8
Gertrude B. Ellis	Mrs. E. F. Pratt
Alice M. Brooks	Fanny Field
Edmund S. Brigham	Ellen M. Dennie
Martha J. Brigham	Mrs. Francis A. Pierce
Minnie R. Bryant	Helen Graham Moseley
Lillie Collamore Smith	Louise Wilson Wright
Charles O. Prescott	(Mrs. Merle St. Croix)
Mrs. John D. Henry	Elizabeth Wright, M.D.

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Henrietta C. Grammer		F. Rockwood Hall
Frances Hall	1926	
Augustus P. Loring Jr.	Feb. 24	Oliver S. Chapman
Rosamond B. Loring	March 28	Elizabeth V. Van Hall

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March 28	Gertrude Ganser	April 20	Elizabeth L. Clark
	Erdine Winifred Van Hall	April 23	Charles J. White
	Alice Grogan	April 25	Theodora B. Jones
	Theresa Single		Eliot N. Jones
	Helen Single		Constance B. Williston
	Dorothy Single		Raymond Fred Hill
	Florence Gebhardt	May 2	Madeleine P. Wetherbee
April 7	Mary Ethel Hunneman		Eliza A. Thomas
	Rebecca Dodd		Laura Norcross Marrs
	Nathaniel W. Ladd		Mrs. Kingsmill Marrs
April 12	Mabel D. Post	May 4	Emily H. Bush
	Mrs. Thomas Wilson	May 24	Ellen Day Hale

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1927	1928
Jan. 13 Anne Morton Smith	Jan. 8 Frank L. Locke
[April 10 Olivia H. Armington	Florence H. Potter
A. Martha Reddish	Charles Sedgwick Rackett
Helen V. Lothair	mann
C. Rose Single	March 18 Isaac S. Whiting
William Single	Isabel Whiting
Carl R. Allen	April 26 Gertrude C. Dean
Myles Standish	Paul Dudley Dean
Louise M. Standish	William C. Crawford
Ralph Bradley	Dec. 30 Alice Ranney Allen
	Elizabeth L. Clark (<i>Signed before</i>)
	Alice Foster Peirce

These names were signed by mistake in the front of the book. Transferred per instructions from Dr. Park—H.W.S. 3]

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1929		April 13	Ellen Hemenway Taintor
May 23	Caroline Hastings Burgess		Rebecca Pickering Thomas
Oct. 20	Ruth Richards Sewall		Yann de Pierrefeu
	Weston F. Sewall		Loring D. Collier
	Mrs. Robert S. Gorham		Lucretia Towne Gartell
Nov. 24	Alice M. Gardner	April 29	Elizabeth T. Wandell
Dec. 15	Anne P. Emery	May 11	Elizabeth H. Flint
1930		Dec. 28	Elizabeth Briggs
March 9	Mildred P. Whiting		
	John K. Whiting		

³ Helen W. Stearns, Church Secretary. Cf. p. 492.

1931		March 19	Francis Gilman Collier
Jan. 11	Laura Huxtable Porter (Withdrawn)	April 19	H. Ross Stevenson
	Ethel L. Reddish	Nov. 19	Helen Wheeler
	L. Guy Dennett	Dec. 27	Marion B. Dibblee
			Valborg L. Waller

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Dec. 27	Rosalie Y. Abbot	March 20	Robert G. Adams (<i>Withdrawn</i>)
	Charles H. Goodwin		Wilhelmina Woodbury
	Elizabeth Cabot Church		Sylvia Pratt
	Helen Manchester Church		George A. Dexter
1932			Winifred Cline
Jan. 10	Maud E. Appleton		Elizabeth J. Sherman
	Charlotte Peirce	1933	
	Elsie D. Wildes	Nov. 2	William Stickney Hall
	Maurice H. Wildes	Dec. 10	Clara P. Ames
	Mrs. Frederick H. Mills	1934	
	Charles S. Parker	March 25	Josephine Shaw
	Mary E. Park		Helen Rae Caswell
Jan. 17	Eliot Putnam Emerson		Sophie B. Westcott
	(<i>Withdrawn</i>)		Bertha J. Piper
Feb. 19	Mary Elizabeth French		David W. Hawksworth
Feb. 22	Frank M. Booth		

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David D. Henry	Nov. 24	Mildred Russell Howland
Elmore H. Coe	Dec. 22	Myra C. Hole
William A. H. Butler	1936	
Mabel A. Fitz	Feb. 8	Mary Louise Foster
Mrs. Lindsay Austin de Volt	April 19	Evelyn L. Murdock
Alice G. Grozier	May 10	Conrad Wesselhoeft
Katharine E. Peirce		Frances G. Wesselhoeft
1935		William Wesselhoeft
Jan. 6	Atherton Noyes	Conrad Wesselhoeft Jr.
	Margaret D. Noyes	Frances Wesselhoeft
Jan. 11	Harriet Stevens Smith	Harriet Betty Boas
Jan. 14	Eliza L. Leland	Dorothy Wilson
Feb. 17	Anne Bradstreet Stedman	Edith Batchelor Sprague
April 21	Cara Bates Conklin	Artiss de Volt
	Nellie Marston Bacheller	

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1937 Caroline Stetson Allen
Jan. 31 George Newton Proctor Mary F. Stratton
Emma Bowden Proctor

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March 21	Phyllis Henry Richard Henry Marion E. Trippier James Trippier Jr. Frances R. Snow John N. Hamilton Benjamin Palmer Dean <i>(Withdrawn)</i> Michael J. Travato David P. Mohr	June 13 1938 April 10 May 8 1939 Feb. 12	Marion Dall Helen Woodruff Tatlock Russell G. Fessenden Eliza S. Leland Antoine B. Saunders Florence G. A. Saunders Suzanne E. Abbot Alice Paine Hedge Chester F. Pero (<i>Withdrawn</i>) Linnie S. Pero (<i>Withdrawn</i>)
April 4	Mary A. Foster Lindsey K. Foster Mary P. MacGray		

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April 2	Warren William Mohr June Louise Reddish	May 10 1943	Dorothy Critchfield
July 18	Mrs. Charles E. St. John	April 1	Marion H. Thanisch
Nov. 19	Elizabeth Smith Chapman <i>(Withdrawn)</i>	May 11 Oct. 17	James B. Noyes Harriet B. Bayley James C. Bayley Jr.
1940		Dec. 10	Franklin R. Hoar
Nov. 24	Maud Appleton Hartwell	Dec. 19	Alice G. Mudge (<i>Withdrawn</i>)
1941			
Jan. 19	Bertha Reed Coffman	1944	
Feb. 9	Amelia Muir Baldwin		
May 11	John J. Meister John Christian Hansen Lillian M. Haeberle	Jan. 16 Feb. 20 March 9 March 21	Arthur Hoar Dorothy B. Hoar Caroline S. Winslow Gustave Martin Frieda W. Crocker
1942		1946	
April 23	Annie S. Forsaith Marian B. Forsaith	Nov. 10	Ernest C. Crocker

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1944		1945	
March 26	Robert Wells Haeberle	March 27	Katharine Wendell Sisson
March 31	Mary Richardson Jones	April 14	Charles B. Rugg
April 6	Grace Foster Haskins	April 15	Marjory B. Rugg
April 14	Anna Rumrill Hammond		Annie Winsor Allen
April 23	Carolyn Thanisch		Elizabeth Very
April 28	Robert Washburn		Marvin Thomas Christy
Dec. 25	Gilbert S. Newman Janet A. Newman	1946	
		Feb. 10	Grace Collier

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March 31	R. Holbrooke Cheever	Hilda G. Blaisdell
June 19	Margaret S. Peirce	March 9 Edith S. Tilden
Oct. 24	William F. Burdett	Leslie M. Ware
Nov. 10	Edith M. Esterbrook	March 10 Elizabeth Bryning Smith
1947		
Feb. 23	Alice F. Tilden	March 30 Phyllis Elaine Williams

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May 13	Alexander S. Parker	April 7 Lillian Gay
	Carolyn C. Howlett	April 28 Marion C. Hill
May 25	Lois W. Richardson	May 3 Edith Bangs
	George O. Richardson	1950
1948		
Jan. 25	Richard D. Pierce	March 28 Caroline S. Freeman
May 9	Sylvia M. Milliken	April 9 Cynthia Rugg
	Eleanor Colpitts	Selma B. Jones
Dec. 3	Henry M. Steel Swift	1951
1949		
Jan. 2	E. Charlton Crocker	Jan. 26 Patricia Noerdlinger
Jan. 31	Edith M. Ernst	March 18 John H. Sisson
	Charles F. Ernst	Mabel Wingate
	Edith C. Howie	Barbara B. Sisson
	David H. Howie	Oriana Wingate
Feb. 14	Selma B. Stone	Lilian H. Spry
Feb. 27	Hubert W. Townsend	Velma A. Adams
		Bettina R. Hansen

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	Anne Neville Moses	Mrs. Edward D. Bement
	George H. Moses	Walter Humphreys
	Richard McAllister Adams	Carrie M. Hall
	Dorothy Hall Parkhurst	George N. Proctor 3rd
	O. Clifton Marks	Jane Sewall
	Eliot S. McMurrough	Adelle Rawson
	Richard W. Spry	Ruth L. Hunt
	Alice Campbell Humphrey	Ruth Q. Peters
	Homer Corliss Humphrey	Marian L. Porter
March 22	Eleanor McMurrough	Satenig M. Sahjian
April 29	Marjorie F. Ritchie	Phyllis T. Spring
	Frederick A. Ritchie	Bernard P. Spring
1952		Phoebe L. Garnost
April 6	Edward D. Bement	Kenneth D. Garnost

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Sept. 22	Rufus N. Stickney	Oct. 1	William R. Dickinson
	Blanche G. Stickney		Olive Louise Dingle
	Margaret W. Carter	Nov. 10	Ann Swain Harley
	Susan G. Loring		Jean H. Pope
Oct. 19 1953	Jeannette E. Hopkins	Nov. 16	Edward B. Pope
March 29	Anne Morrison	Dec. 11	Donald F. Fenn
	Meta B. Wade	1954	Marjorie A. Margolis
	Constance Curtiss	April 11	Patricia Coffin Swain
	Elizabeth M. Sullivan		Leslie Anne Robinson
	Miriam S. Black		Ambrose Feeley
	Dorothy B. Dickinson		George S. Richardson
	Flora L. E. O'Keefe		Susan Higginson Nash
	Robert Batcheller Rowley		

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Carl A. Levins	1955	Virginia Loring Crowell
Enid Vose	April 3	Alice Nichols Burrage
Alton W. Ridley		Lorna Elwyn Feeley
Joy E. McKinley		Marion E. Wells
S. Justus McKinley		Edward P. Wells
Harriet L. Norris		Alice T. Fuller
Ernst A. Meyer		Charles W. Fuller
Flavia Claverie Atkins		Hilda N. True
Griswold Terry Atkins		Fred L. True Jr.
Irene Harvey		Athole B. Edwards
Herbert A. Harvey		Ursele Dawn Peck
Richard S. Hasty		Gertrude Hoadley Rogers
May 6	Elizabeth McP. Booth	Record Haines Rogers
June 14	Robert E. Thompson	

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Clayton R. Merritt	Edith Tileston Hughes
Carolyn Bradbury Evans	Margaret F. O'Neill
Ada M. Bixby	Charlotte Taylor Robbins
Beverly Ann Bigwood	Weston A. Stevens

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VOLUME III

Meetings of Church, 1841-1867

(Marriages, 1778-1786)

Baptisms, 1848-1867

[1]

PREFACE

When I came to the First Church to be its minister, in the year 1815, there were put into my hands three books in manuscript, and no more.

The First was the Original Record of the Church, valuable as an authentic document, dating from the age of the first settlement of New England. Amidst no little confusion in its arrangement, it is seen to be divided into three principal parts; viz. the first a register of Church members, whose names are interspersed with accounts of Church discipline and other matters, extending from 1630 to 1778; the second a record of Votes and Acts passed by the Church and Society, brought down to the year 1785; and the third a Baptismal Register, from the foundation of the Church to the present time, in which baptisms continue to be entered.

The second book is a small quarto in rough leather, containing nothing but a list of Marriages from the year 1800. I have never been able to discover any preceding list of the same kind, or even to ascertain whether any were ever preserved in the Archives of the Church, though such a document has been often inquired for.¹

¹ A list of marriages performed by Rev. Thomas Foxcroft between August 4, 1720 and November 12, 1767, was published from his papers in *The New England Historical and Genealogical Register* XLII, 152-154, 250-254. A small paper covered notebook containing marriages performed by Rev. John Clarke from 1778 to 1786, subsequently came into the possession of the Church. The entries are as follows:

1778		July 8	Josiah Blakeley and Sarah Blanchard
July 18	Elias William and Katy Levingstone	Aug. 4	Ezra Weld and Abigail Greenleaf
Oct. 24	Israel Burnell and Sally Goddard	Aug. 10	Benjamin Vincent and Caty Hunt
		1780	
1779		Jan. 10	Eli Sumner and Elizabeth Hanes
Jan. 30	James Ivers and Eliza Hews	Jan. 22	John Browne and Martha Allen
Feb. 2	William Summer and Abigail Warden	March 27	Gilbert Ash and Lydia Thayer
Feb. 18	John McDougal and Sarah Mitchel	June 29	Henry Hudson and Ann Rogers
Feb. 25	William Williams and Mary Thwing	Aug. 14	Mark Myars and Elizabeth Doggett
	Jack Astin and Sylvia Bannister	Sept. 17	Benjamin Larking and Polly Jackson
April 6	John Newell and Mary Wells	Nov. 28	Joseph Rhodes and Caty Greenleaf
May 29	Cornelius Thayer and Suviah Wait		Thomas Wadsworth and Nancy Lamb
			Robert Stevens and Hannah Green

The third book, of similar size and appearance, contained, when I received it, only the Covenants of the Church, with the names annexed of those who signed them, from the year 1786. It is in use still, for the purpose of receiving the signatures of those, who join in observing the Ordinance of the Lord's Supper. It includes also the few proceedings of the Church, which it seemed important to me from time to time to relate. These were set down in a more broken and imperfect manner than on reflection I could wish. For I found no record-book for that purpose, which it would have been my duty to continue; and I did not feel called on to set out upon an entirely new undertaking. After the lapse, however, of almost 26 years, I am impressed with the importance of opening a book, that shall stand by itself as a register of what passes [2] in the Church as a body of Christian communicants.

1781	1785
Jan. 4 Bantam Phillips and Hannah Freeman	Jan. 13 John Aves and Meribah Caswell
Jan. 4 Ebenezer Fish and Mary Montgomery	May 4 William McClough and Mary Fessenden
March 6 John Griffith and Sarah Child	Oct. 28 Patrick Fletcher and Sally Bradley
May 4 Thomas Wells and Hannah Adams	Peletiah Webster and Rebecca Hunt
Aug. 22 George Burroughs and Mary Fullerton	Oct. 28 David Tyler and Sarah Wheelwright
Sept. 15 William Clough and Mary Hastings	Nov. 10 Ebenezer Wight and Caty Fuller
Dec. Henry Newman and Deborah Cushing	Nov. 14 Martin Burkes and Sally Wood
Jack Phillips and Flora Hall	Nov. 17 Galen Otis and Joanna Tilden
	Dec. 1 Davis Whitman and Hannah Hawkes
1782	1786
Feb. 4 Jeremiah Cushing and Abigail Edwards	Jan. 25 Michael Ryon and Ruth Langley
March 17 John Hunt and Sally Sherburne	Feb. James Tappen Noyes and Elizabeth Ropes
July 9 James White and Dorcas Ingerson	Feb. William Hearsey and Sally Rogers
John Crapes and Betsy Moncrief	Feb. 9 Simeon Wade and Hannah Freeman
1783	Feb. 13 Lot Hall and Polly Homer
April 28 Edward Reed and Mary Peck	March 17 John Scholts and Jane Carleton
April 30 John Kneeland and Rebecca Austin	April 15 George Richards and Sarah Baldwin
Sept. 1 Jonathan Snelling and Caty Hoskins	April 15 William Dexter and Elizabeth Deering
1784	Sept. 19 John Tayler and Hannah Carey
March 3 William Jennison and Mary Vibert	Sept. 21 David Black and Elizabeth Freeman
Charles Beaujeau and Lucy Snow	Sept. 21 Isaac Cole and Mary Ethridge
April 27 Julius Cesar Jeffers and Achsah Borjiner	Oct. 13 Cesar Seward and Grace Cazneau
Aug. 26 George Miles and Polly Walker	Oct. 26 Nathaniel Ruggles and Sally Fellows
Oct. 15 Joseph Head and Betsey Frasier	Nov. 4 William Miller and Nabby Henshaw
Nov. 12 James Minot and Polly Demming	Dec. 21 Peter Branch and Sylvia Dalton
Dec. 2 Anthony Rowe and Sarah Sears	
John Gillis and Janet Bean	

While the proprietors of the Meeting-House have their memoranda in the hands of their clerk; and the Deacons of the Church keep their accounts of the property that is confided to their special care; it seems proper and desireable that there should be also a separate book, in which the Minister shall be expected to write a report of whatever takes place, that is thought to be of consequence, at the meetings of those, who are bound together within the Church Covenant.

I therefore begin this record, January 1, 1841.

N. L. FROTHINGHAM.

P.S. Since the above was written, another volume in manuscript has been placed in my keeping. It is a folio, bound in parchment, containing "Records of the First Church of Christ in Boston," from July 11, 1786, to March 5, 1815.

[3] February 7, 1841.

At a church meeting held this day, immediately after the Communion service, communications were read from the proprietors of Hollis Street Meeting House, inviting the church to sit in council with the other churches that had been invited before as a mutual council, but are now requested to come as an ex-parte Council, in order "to consider the question of the dissolution of the Reverend John Pierpont's connexion with said Society." Whereupon, it was unanimously and without debate Voted that the First Church accedes to the request of the proprietors of Hollis Street Meeting House, and will sit in council at the time and place proposed; viz. at the United States Court Room, on Monday the 15th day of February inst. at 10 o'Clock A.M. Adjourned.

(The Reverend Dr. Harris was chosen as the Delegate to accompany the Minister; but, on his declining, Mr. Samuel H. Babcock was appointed in his stead. This council, after various trials and many adjournments, came to its Result on Monday, the 9th day of August, 1841.)

February 6th, 1842.

At a meeting of the brethren of the Church, held immediately after the Communion Service, it was unanimously voted, to accept the invitation of the Church in Purchase Street, to attend the ordination of Mr. James I. T. Coolidge as their "pastor and teacher" on Wednesday evening, the 9th instant; the First Church to be represented in council by its minister, and Mr. S. H. Babcock as delegate.

August 29, 1842.

A meeting of the members of the First Church was held this evening at the house of the pastor. Present Deacon Foster, and Messrs. James

Phillips, Daniel Messinger, Samuel Bradlee, Moses Everett and Ephraim Hall. A Committee consisting of Mr. S. H. Babcock and Mr. S. Bradlee, to which the pastor was added, was appointed to examine the Deacon's accounts, and report on the first Monday in October. The same Committee, to which Deacon Foster was added, was directed to devise some suitable place, in which to keep the silver vessels belonging to the communion furniture of the church; the pastor having signified that he could no longer furnish convenient accommodation for them in his own house. It was Voted That an annual meeting of the Church shall [4] be held, on or about the 27th of August, that being the anniversary of the gathering of the Church, in order to attend to the Deacon's report, and to consider such questions as may arise, touching the welfare of this Christian body. Adjourned, to meet in the same place on the first Monday in October.

Sunday, October 2, 1842.

The brethren remained after Communion; and Voted unanimously to accept the invitation of the South Congregational Church, to attend the Ordination of Mr. Frederick D. Huntington as their "pastor," on Wednesday the 19th instant.

Monday, October 3, 1842.

Met according to adjournment. Present, Deacon Foster, and Messrs. Phillips, Messinger, Gibbens, Bradlee, Everett, I. Hall, E. Hall, Francis, Babcock, Paine, Thayer and Allen. The deacon presented the following:

"Statement of Receipts and Distributions of the *Fund for the Poor* of the First Church, from 1834 to January 1st, 1842."

1834. Distributions to the poor	231.13	1834. Balance of last account	340.91
1834. Cleaning silver	8.	1834. Interest and Collection	370.86
1835. Invested this year	300.	1835. Interest and Collection	416.87
1835. Cleaning silver	8.	1836. Interest and Collection	598.30
1835. Distribution and premium on stock	254.87	1837. Interest and Collection	336.11
1836. Invested	400.	1838. Interest and Collection	303. 5
1836. Distribution and clean- ing silver	231.50	1839. Interest and Collection	348.93
1837. Invested	300.	1840. Interest and Collection	307. 3
1837. Distribution and clean- ing silver	195.67	1841. Interest and Collection	255.39
1838. Invested	100.		
1838. Distribution and premium	199.		
1839. Invested	100.		
1839. Distribution, cleaning silver and premium	233.50		
			\$3277.45

1840. Invested	100.
1840. Distribution, cleaning silver and premium	257.
1841. Distribution and clean- ing silver	209.
Dec. 31. Balance	<u>149.78</u>
	<u>\$3277.45</u>

[5] March 5, 1842.

The Amount of the Fund for the Poor at this date is \$5290. Invested as follows: In State Bank 3760, Union ditto 900. Market ditto 630=5290.

The Committee appointed to examine the accounts offered a Report, that they found them correctly cast and well vouched, and that the Funds, with which the Deacon is in trust, are in a satisfactory condition; which Report was accepted. The Deacon offered also a Schedule, of which the following is a copy:

"Fund for Pious Uses, \$200—State Bank. The Interest of this fund is fully used every year, in furnishing the Communion Table. Fund for the Minister—\$600 in 1834.

1834. No payment this year	1834. Balance of last account 44.26½
1835. No payment this year	1834. Interest received this
1836. Invested this year 100.	1835. year 33.
1836. *Iron safe for the Plate 32. 8	1835. Ditto 31.50
1837. No payment	1836. Ditto with extra
1838. Ditto	dividend 63.
1839. Investment and Premium 101.50	1837. Ditto 39.
1839. *For "pious uses" 10.	1838. Ditto 33.
1840. No payment	1839. Ditto 42.25
1841. Ditto	1840. Ditto 40.50
Mar. 5.	1841. Ditto 30.95
1842. Investment and Premium 102.	Apr.
	1842. Ditto 26.10
	<u>\$383.56½</u>
	<u>\$345.58</u>

* Approved by the minister.

The Amount of the above Fund is now, March 5, 1842, \$870. viz.
\$600 State Bank, \$200 Union Bank, \$70 Market Bank."

On the subject of finding a new place of deposit for the Church Plate, the minister gave notice that a suitable place had been provided in his own house; which was satisfactory to the Committee, and was adopted by the church. With respect to the time of holding the annual meeting, the minister mentioned, that he had ascertained from an additional volume of the Church Records, recently put into his hands, that the first Monday in October had been the time formerly assigned for holding such meeting.

Wherefore, upon reconsideration, it was Voted That the first Monday in October shall be the fixed time for the Annual Meeting of the Church.

[6] The minister read to the meeting a paper, prepared some time since by our brother Charles C. Paine Esq. giving an account of benefactions successively made to the Church. Of this document the following is a copy:

Miles Redding

Extract from the will of Miles Redding of Boston, dated October 23, 1671, proved November 6, 1671, recorded Suff. Pro. Rec. Vol. 7, fol. 166. "And for my estate that God hath given me in this world I give it to the Deacons of the First Church in Boston for the use of the Church and the poor thereof."

In the inventory rendered in at the same time with the proving of the will, the property is appraised at	£85.12. 6
and debts are mentioned amounting to	9.11. 7
Leaving a balance of	£76. 0.11

Administration upon the Estate was granted to Deacons Sanderson and Allen of the First Church—but no administration Account is to be found on the records: and whether therefore the above mentioned balance was the sum actually received by the Church, or not, cannot be known.

John Oxenbridge

Extracts from the will of Reverend John Oxenbridge, pastor of the First Church, dated January² 12, 1673-4, proved [January 9, 1674/5].³

After giving away three pounds out of his Charity Bag, he adds, "The rest in that Bag to be disposed to the most necessitous brethren and sisters of the Church by the Deacons thereof." He afterwards gives his dwelling house in Boston to his daughter Bathshuah Scott: and in case she died without issue surviving her, "then to his Daughter Theodora, she paying 50 pounds as a legacy to the First Church of Boston"; and in case she died without issue surviving her, "then the Inheritance of this house to be to the First Church of Boston for the use of the pastor or teacher for the time being."

"Item. To the Elders and Deacons of the First Church of Boston I give twenty pounds for the use of the Church, to be paid within a month after my decease, and to continue for their service at the Lords Table."

² Should read March 12, 1673/4, i.e. "12th day of the first month."

³ Suffolk Probate Records, VI. 78.

[7] From the executorship Account

To the Church, paid the Deacon (in the C.B.) ⁴	£20.00.00
To the Deacons of the Ch. the remainder of the money	£5. 9. 6

James Everell

Extract from the will of James Everell of Boston, dated December 11, 1682, proved February 2, 1682-3, and recorded Vol. 6, fol. 400.

“Thirdly. My will is that after the death of my wife, five pounds be paid unto the Deacons of the Old Church in Boston at that time, being for the use of the said Church within six months.”

Joseph Bridgham

Extract from the will of Deacon Joseph Bridgham of Boston dated January 3, 1708-9, proved January 10, 1708-9, recorded Vol. 16—499.

“Item. I give and bequeath to the Church of Christ in Boston whereof I am an officer, in testimony of my respect to them the sum of twenty pounds to be paid to the Deacons of the said Church and by them invested in Plate for the service of the Communion Table.”

Samuel Moor

Extract from the will of Samuel Moor of Boston mariner—dated October 17, 1715, proved October 22, 1716, recorded Vol. 19, fol. 200.

After giving all his goods and moveables to the poor widows of Boston, and five pounds to a brother in-law, he adds:

“Item. All the rest and residue of my money and plate, I give devise and bequeath unto the use and benefit of the First Meeting House in Boston, commonly called the Old Meeting House and unto the use and benefit of the South Meeting house being equally divided between them.”

In the account of Henry Hill and John Forland, the executors recorded Vol. 20, foll. 94 are the following items:

Paid the Deacons of the Old Church	£23. 7.00
Delivered to the same 37 ounces plate, at 8/- per oz.	£14.16.00

[8] *Jonathan Williams*

Extract from the will of Deacon Jonathan Williams of Boston dated August 23rd, 1736, proved April 9th, 1737, recorded Vol. 33, fol. 57, having given £20 to each of the ministers of the First Church.

“Item. I give to the said Church fifty pounds in such plate as my Executor shall think fit, for the use of the Communion Table.”

⁴ i.e. *Church Book*.

Elizabeth Welsteed

Extract from the will of Elizabeth Welsteed of Boston, Widow, dated May 8th, 1753.

“Item. I give unto the Old Church, so called, my Silver Tankard, to be to the use of the said Church forever.”

Elizabeth Chauncy

Extract from the will of Elizabeth Chauncy, wife of Reverend Dr. Charles Chauncy, made, by virtue of a marriage settlement, dated [blank].⁵

“Item. I give to the poor of the Old Brick Church the sum of six pounds, thirteen shillings, and four pence to be paid to the Deacons of said Church.”

Hannah Griggs

Extract from the will of Hannah Griggs of Boston, dated November 3, 1756, proved, November 23, 1759, recorded Vol. 55, fol. 154.

“I direct my executors to pay to the Deacons of the Old or First Church in Boston, whereof the Reverend Mr. Foxcroft and Dr. Chauncy are pastors, the sum of fifty three pounds, six shillings, and eight pence lawful money, out of the monies due to me from Mr. Thomas Flucker, and the receipt of the said Deacons shall be my Executors discharge. I dispose thereof as follows: I order said Deacons to let out the same on interest, and to pay the interest annually to the Reverend Mr. Foxcroft during his natural life; and after his decease to the Reverend Dr. Chauncy during his natural life; and after his decease, to the Minister or Ministers of the said Church successively forever: to be divided equally, if there should be two ministers; and when [9] there shall be no Minister in said Church, to pay the said interest to the last Minister’s widow, until another Minister be chosen and settled in said Church.

“Item. I give the further sum of fifty three pounds, six shillings and eight pence lawful money, out of the monies due to me from Mr. Thomas Flucker, to the old or First Church in Boston aforementioned, to be paid to my Executors to the ministers and Deacons of the said Church, whose receipt shall discharge my Executors: and I order the Ministers and Deacons aforesaid and their successors to let out the same and dispose the in-

⁵ Chauncey married his second wife, Mrs. Elizabeth (Phillips) Townsend, widow of James Townsend, on January 8, 1738/9. She was described by the press as “a Gentlewoman of very plentiful estate” and during her marriage she undertook extensive repairs on the parsonage at her own expense. She died April 11, 1757. William Blair Townsend (1723-1778) was her son.



Old Brick Meeting House and the Old State House

Painted by J. B. Marston, 1801

terest thence arising to such pious and charitable uses, as the said Ministers and Deacons and their successors shall judge meet.

“Item. My will further is that, in case I should spend so much of my Estate as that there will not be enough to pay the legacies herein before given, my just debts and funeral expences that such deficiency be made up out of the last mentioned sum of fifty three pounds, six shillings and eight pence, herein before given to the Old Church: and if after all my debts, funeral charges, and the several legacies aforesaid are paid, there be any left: I bequeath one pound, six shillings, and eight pence thereof to my Cousin the aged Thankful Capen of Dorchester, and the remainder to the old Church aforesaid to be disposed of and applied in like manner and to the same use, as I have herein directed the said last mentioned sum of fifty three pounds, six shillings and eight pence and to be paid by my executors to the Ministers and Deacons of the said Church accordingly.”

Items in the executorship Account dated January 8, 1762, R. Vol. 60, fol. 11:

“paid the Deacons of the Old or First Church agreeable to will, £53..6..8.
“paid the Ministers of the Old or First Church towards the
sum of £53..6..8, ordered to be paid them by will, it being
the residue of deceased’s estate, £35..8..5.”

William Dummer

Extract from the will of William Dummer of Boston Esquire dated June 28, 1756, proved November 6, 1761, recorded Vol. 59, fol. 201.

“Item. I give unto the Church, called the old Brick Church in Boston aforesaid, of which the reverend Mr. Thomas Foxcroft and the [10] Reverend Dr. Charles Chauncy are the present pastors, twenty six pounds thirteen shillings and four pence lawful mony to be placed out to interest on good security by the Deacons of said Church for the time being forever; and the interest thereof to be annually paid by the Deacons of said Church for the time being unto the Minister of the same Church forever.

“Item. I give unto the poor of the parish in Byfield etc. and the like sum of six pounds, thirteen shillings and four pence lawful money to the poor of the Old Church in Boston aforesaid.”

Nathaniel Balston

Extract from the will of Nathaniel Balston of Boston Esquire, dated July 19th, 1762, proved April 30th, 1773, recorded Vol. 72, fol. 270.

“Item. I give unto the First Church of Christ in Boston, whereof the Reverend Thomas Foxcroft and Dr. Charles Chauncy are pastors, the newest of my Silver Tankards for the Communion Table.”

Thomas Waite

Extract from the will of Deacon Thomas Waite of Boston, dated April 1, 1774, proved May 19, 1775, recorded Vol. 74, fol. 219.

“Item. I give to the First Church of Christ in Boston aforesaid, whereof the said Dr. Chauncy is the present pastor, a silver flaggon for the use of the Communion Table, equal in value and size to that given to the said Church by the Honarable William Dummer Esquire.

“Item. I give to the said First Church in Boston the sum of twenty six pounds, thirteen shillings, and four pence lawful money: the annual interest thereof to be by the Ministers and Deacons of said Church applied to and for the use of the poor belonging to said Church forever.”

Suviah Thayer

Extract from the will of Suviah Thayer of Boston, Widow of Cornelius Thayer and also Widow of Deacon Waite above-mentioned dated January 2, 1795, proved April 14, 1795, recorded Vol. 93, fol. 382.

[11] “Item. I give and bequeath to the Old Brick Church, whereof said black⁶ is Minister, four silver dishes weighing twenty four ounces apiece, unless they should be given by me in my life time.

“Item. I give and bequeath to the ministers and Deacons of the Old Brick Church aforesaid and their successors forever, Eleven hundred and thirty three dollars and one third of a dollar of three per cent stock of the United States, upon this special trust and confidence, viz. that the minister, or in case of his neglect, that the Deacons thereof for the time being pay to William Thayer of said Boston a son of my late husband Cornelius Thayer deceased, during his natural life the interest on One Thousand dollars of the same stock, the interest on the remaining one hundred and thirty three dollars and one third of a dollar stock to belong to the minister, or in case of his neglect to pay as aforesaid then to the said Deacons for the time being, during the said William Thayer’s natural life, for the trouble of paying to the said William as aforesaid, and at the said William’s decease, the said Minister and Deacons and their successors shall hold the said Eleven hundred and thirty three dollars and one third of a dollar stock to and for the use of the poor of said Church forever: and in case the said Minister and Deacon’s shall neglect to pay the said William his interest on said stock within one year after demand made after it shall be ready to be paid by Government, then and in such case I give and bequeath the same Eleven hundred and thirty three dollars and one third of a dollar stock to him the

⁶ i.e. black.

said William his heirs and assigns forever: and in case the principal of the same stock, or any part of it, should be redeemed or paid, then and in such case the principal money so paid shall be loaned at interest or invested in any stock carrying an interest as the said Minister and Deacons shall think best to be by them held subject to every trust, use and condition, on which they held the same, three per cent stock previous to the redemption thereof.

“Item. I give and bequeath to the minister and Deacons of said Church and their successors forever the further sum of seven hundred and ninety nine dollars and fifty seven cents of three [12] per cent stock of the United States, in trust to apply the interest thereof to and for the use of said Church forever.”

Items in the Administrator’s Account, dated May 1795, recorded Vol. 94, fol. 7. “paid the Minister and Deacons of the Old Brick Church in Boston their two legacies of \$1932.90 three per cent stock, per receipt \$1932.90.”

Abigail Gray

Extract from the will of Abigail Gray of Boston Widow, dated September 17, 1791, proved February 20, 1815, recorded Vol. 113, fol. 102.

“Item. I give and bequeath unto the Ministers and Deacons of the First Church in Boston, whereof the Reverend John Clark is the present pastor, and to their successors forever the sum of fifty pounds sterling, money aforesaid, in trust for the use following, namely; that the said sum be put out at interest by the said trustees, and that the income thereof be annually distributed among the poor of the said Church at their discretion forever.”

Item in the Administrator’s Account, December 1815: “paid Minister and Deacons of First Church legacy of £50-. \$222.22.”

Remarks

In the Executorship Account of Deacon Jonathan Williams, 1737, are the following items: “Paid Mills legacy to Old Church £243.00.00
paid four months rent of—ditto 4.13. 4”

The Donations are stated as follows in an Old Account book of the Church dated December 5, 1779.

Miles Reddings donation Interest to the poor	£234.00. 0
Ann Mills’ ditto	32. 8. 0
Madam Chauncys ditto	6.13. 4
Thomas Hutchinson Esquire’s donation Interest to the general Contribution of Church and Congregation	6.13. 4

Samuel Waldo Esquire's ditto	32.00. 0
William Dummer's legacy—Interest to the Ministry	26.13. 4
Hannah Griggs' ditto	53. 6. 8
Pious Uses	35. 8. 5
[13] Amount Continued from last page	£427. 3. 1
Amount Continued from last page	£427. 3. 1
Deacon Thomas Waite—Interest to the Poor	26.13. 4
	£453.16. 5

Edward Tuttle's note of hand, being part of Miles Reddings
Donation, a bad debt to be deducted 10.00. 0

Making in all according to this Account

For the poor, the bad debt deducted	£289. 4. 8
General Contribution of Church and	
Congregation	38.13. 4
For the Ministry	£ 80.00.00
For Pious Uses	£ 35.08.05

In 1806 the funds were stated to be as was represented in the last report.

For the poor	\$1249.40
Ministry	295.07
Pious Uses	132.20
	\$1676.67
Donations since of Suviah Thayer	1932.90
Donations since Abigail Gray	222.22
Present amount of the whole	\$3831.79
	\$4960.00

The Donations of Money by Ann Mills, Thomas Hutchinson and Samuel Waldo, and of Plate by S. H. Hampden, John Forland, William Dummer and Lydia Hancock, were made (those by Hutchinson, Forland, Dummer and Hancock, certainly, the others probably) by the parties in their life time and nothing of course is to be found concerning them on the Probate Records.

Whereupon it was Voted That the thanks of the Church be presented to our brother Charles C. Paine Esq. for the valuable service he had thus performed. The Meeting was then dissolved.

Sunday, December 4th, 1842.

The brethren of the Church remained after the communion service, and accepted an invitation from the New North Church and Society to attend the ordination of Mr. Amos Smith as colleague pastor with Reverend Dr. Parkman. Colonel Messinger was appointed the delegate. Dissolved.

[14] October 2, 1843.

The Annual Meeting of the Church was held this evening at the house of the pastor. Present, Deacon Foster, and of the brethren Messrs. J. Phillips, D. Messinger, D. L. Gibbens, D. Francis, E. Hall, M. Everett, S. H. Babcock, W. B. Fowle and T. Eaton.

The following account of Receipts and Disbursements of the Fund for the Poor, was submitted by the Deacon of the Church.

1842.	1842.	
Mar. 5. Cash paid 1 share Union Bank 102.	Jan. 1. Balance 149.78	
June 29. Cash Cleaning silver 8.	Mar. 6. Quarterly Charity	
Dec. 31. Cash distributed to the poor of the Church and Con- gregation for 1842. 251.	Lecture 10.62½	
Dec. 31. Balance 168.28	April. State Bank Divi- dends on \$3760 @ 3 percent 112.80	
	April. Union Bank \$900 @ 3. 27.	
	April. Market ditto 18.90	
	June 5. Quarterly Charity Lecture 8.54	
	Sep. 4. Ditto 9.37	
	Oct. State Bank Div. 3 1/3 125.33	
	Oct. Union ditto 3 27.	
	Oct. Market ditto 3 18.90	
	Dec. 4. Quarterly Charity Lecture 21. 3	
		\$529.28

Examined.
(Signed) S. H. Babcock.

This Report was unanimously accepted.

A Letter was read from the Third Parish in Roxbury, inviting this Church to attend the Ordination of Mr. Joseph H. Allen, on Wednesday the 18th inst. The invitation was accepted, and Mr. William B. Fowle chosen as delegate to accompany the pastor. The minister then called the attention of the brethren to the Church Covenant, which is subscribed to by our communicants, and objected to all that part of it, which follows the confession of Faith, on the ground that it implies a closeness of relation that does not really exist, that it professes an oversight of one another that we do not admit, and that it is pervaded with an air of sentimentality not altogether becoming so solemn an instrument. He then read the primitive covenant of the Church, drawn up in 1630, and signified his preference of it over its modern successor. His objections were considered by the

brethren to have some weight in them, and a general opinion was expressed in favour of the ancient covenant, on account of its beautiful simplicity, and its earnest but liberal spirit. After a long and interesting conversation on the subject, it was unanimously Voted That the minister be requested to give [15] further attention to the form of the present Church covenant, as compared with that which was first in use, and to offer some modification of it, or substitute for it, at a special meeting of the brethren, to be called for that purpose.

The meeting was then dissolved.

October 7, 1844.

The Annual Meeting of the Communicant members of the Church was held this evening at the house of the pastor, and opened with prayer. Present, Deacon Foster, and brothers Daniel Messinger, D. L. Gibbens, Samuel Bradlee, David Francis, Ephraim Hall, J. P. Bigelow, Charles Brooks and Edward F. Weld.

The following Account of Receipts and Disbursements of the Fund for the Poor was submitted by the Deacon of the Church.

1843	1843	
June 27. Paid Mrs. Barton for cleaning silver	8.	Jan. 1. Balance
Cash in distribution to the Poor of the Church and Congre- gation, from Jan- uary 1 to Decem- ber 31, 1843	\$258.	Mar. 5. Quarterly Charity Lecture
F. Dillaway for closet for silver	13.70	April. State Bank Dividend on \$3760
Dec. 31. Balance	217.07	April. Union Bank ditto on \$900
	\$496.77	April. Market ditto on \$630
		June 4. Quarterly Charity Lecture
		Sep. 3. Ditto
		Oct. State Bank Dividend on \$3760 percent 2
		Oct. Union bank ditto on \$900 c 2½
		Oct. Market bank—\$630 @ 3
		Dec. 3. Quarterly charity Lecture
		23.15
		\$496.77

December 31, 1843.

This Report was unanimously accepted.

The minister called the attention of the brethren to the difficulty that ex-

isted in deciding who were to be considered members of the Church and invited as such to attend its annual and special meetings; since there were several persons, who attended regularly our Communion services, who were yet not enrolled as belonging to the church, having never signed its Covenant. In conversing upon the subject, it appeared to be thought desirable that such of our fellow worshippers should be invited to connect themselves more perfectly with us by setting their names to the articles under which we come together. It was then Resolved, as the sense of the meeting, that the [16] pastor should feel authorized to receive the names of all those who were previously members of other churches; using only his own discretion, and without any other formality than that of announcing to the Church the names so added. The subject of the Covenant of the Church then came up, which had been considered at the Annual Meeting of the last year. The pastor, after giving his reasons for the innovation which he proposed to make—if it were indeed an innovation, and not rather a return to the ancient order which had been forsaken, offered the following form as a substitute for the Articles which are at present in use.

**COVENANT
OF THE FIRST CHURCH**

“We, whose names are hereunder written,” declare our faith

1. In the One only Living and True God;
2. In the lord Jesus Christ, that he was sanctified of the Father, and sent into the world, that the world through him might be saved;

and

3. In that Gospel, which was confirmed by the death and resurrection of its Author, and which is binding upon us as the only rule of our faith and practice.

Being “united into one congregation or church, under the Lord Jesus Christ our Head, we do hereby solemnly and religiously promise to walk in all our ways according to the rule of the Gospel, and in all sincere conformity to his holy ordinances, and in mutual love and respect each to other, so near as God shall give us grace.”

The words included within the inverted commas are copied from the original Church Covenant of 1630.

Whereupon it was Voted That it is expedient to change the Form of Confession, that is now offered for the assent of the communicants in the First Church. The proposed form of the Covenant was then adopted without

dissent, and with the understanding that it was to go immediately into use.

The Meeting was then dissolved.

N. L. FROTHINGHAM.

[17] October 6, 1845.

The Annual Meeting of the Communicant Members of the First Church was held this evening, at the house of the pastor, and opened with Prayer. Present, Deacon Foster, and brothers Daniel Messinger, D. L. Gibbens, Samuel Bradlee, William B. Fowle, J. T. Hayward, Samuel H. Babcock, J. T. Bigelow, Charles Brooks, J. G. Hallet, Jesse Chickering, Edward F. Weld and Edward Hamilton.

The following Account of Receipts and Disbursements of the Fund for the Poor was submitted by the Deacon of the Church:

1844	1844
July 2. Cash paid Mrs. Barton, care of silver 5.00	Jan. 1. Balance brought forward 217.07
Dec. 31. Cash paid 2 shares in Columbian Bank 204.00	Mar. 3. Quarterly charity Lecture 10.79
Cash distributed to the poor of church and Congregation, from, 1 January to 31 December 44 275.00	April. State Bank dividend on 3760 @ 2 per ct 75.20
Balance on hand, 37.23	April. Union ditto 900 @ 2½ 22.50
	April. Market ditto 630 @ 3 18.90
	June 2. Quarterly charity Lecture 9.88
	Sep. 1. Quarterly charity Lecture 8.79
	Oct. State Bank dividend on 3760 @ 2½ 94.00
	Oct. Union ditto 900 @ 2½ 22.50
	Oct. Market ditto 630 @ 3 18.90
	Dec. Quarterly Charity Lecture 22.70
	\$521.23
	\$521.23

The Report was unanimously accepted.

The evening was spent in desultory, but not unprofitable conversation, on the manner of conducting public worship; especially on the singing of the church, and the most becoming posture of attending to that part of the service. At the close of the evening, the pastor having expressed an opinion in favor of the expediency of causing an accurate Transcript to be made of the Ancient Records of the Church, on motion of brother Gibbens it was Voted That the Pastor of the church be authorized and re-

quested to cause such a copy to be made; the expence of the same to be defrayed from such sums as may be at the disposal of the Treasurer.

The meeting was then dissolved.

N. L. FROTHINGHAM.

[18] Sunday, July 5, 1846.

The brethren remained after the Communion, at the request of the pastor, who read a communication from the Massachusetts Historical Society, begging of the ministers of the First, Second and Third Churches to furnish the Society with copies of their Church Records for the first fifty years from their several foundations. The pastor represented, that in anticipation of their willingness to grant this request, he had secured the services, conditionally, of Mr. David Pulsifer, who had been recommended to him, on the highest authority in such matters, as a person eminently qualified for so difficult and delicate a task. He mentioned, at the same time Mr. Pulsifer's earnest wish to be allowed to have the use of the invaluable Original in the Library of the Historical Society, where he might have the advantage of conferring in case of difficulty with the learned Librarian, Mr. Felt. After hearing a full statement on the subject, the Church unanimously adopted the following Vote, which was offered by Deacon Foster.

The "Historical Society" having made a request to the Pastors of First Church, Second Church, and Old South Church, for a Copy of their Records for the first fifty years of said churches, Voted That the Pastor of this Church give permission to have such copy taken, and in such way as he shall approve. The Meeting was then dissolved.

N. L. FROTHINGHAM.

Sunday, January 3, 1847.⁷

The church remained after the Communion Service, at the invitation of the pastor, who gave information that the copy of the Church Records for the first fifty years, from 1630 to 1680, had been completed by Mr. Pulsifer, and was now ready for the inspection of any who might wish to see them.

N. L. FROTHINGHAM.

[19] Monday, October 5, 1846.

The Annual Meeting of the Communicant Members of the First Church was held this evening at the house of the Pastor, and opened with Prayer. It was well attended; but the List of the names of those who were present

⁷ This entry is placed out of sequence.

has by some accident been mislaid. We painfully missed one of our number, who was never willingly absent, our worthy brother Daniel Messenger, who was removed from us by death in June last.

The following Account of Receipts and Disbursements of the Fund for the Poor was submitted by the Deacon of the Church:

1845	1845
June 24. Cash paid Mrs. Barton for cleaning Silver	8.00
Dec. 31. Cash in Distribution to the Poor of Church and Congregation from January 1 to December 31, 1845	274.00
Balance to new account	<u>150.25</u>
	<u>\$432.25</u>
Jan. 1. Balance of last account	37.23
Mar. 2. Quarterly Charity Lecture	12.20
April. State Bank Dividend on 3760 @ 3	112.80
April. Union ditto on 900 @ 3	27.00
April. Market ditto on 630 @ 4	25.20
April. Columbian ditto on 200 a 2½	5.00
June 1. Quarterly Charity Lecture	10.64
Sep. 7. Ditto	8.94
Oct. State Bank Dividend on 3760 @ 3	112.80
Oct. Union ditto on 900 @ 3	27.00
Oct. Market ditto on 630 @ 4	25.20
Oct. Columbian ditto on 200 @ 3	6.00
Dec. Quarterly Charity Lecture	<u>22.24</u>
	<u>\$432.25</u>

The Report was unanimously accepted.

No subject having come up, of special interest to this body, the pastor took occasion to mention the feeble condition of the Sunday School belonging to this Society. The evening was spent chiefly in conversation upon the causes of this debility and the means of remedy; when, on motion of brother Thomas B. Wales, the whole matter was committed to the minister of the Church and to our brother Rev. Charles Brooks.

The meeting was then dissolved.

N. L. FROTHINGHAM.

See opposite page.

[20] Sunday, March 7, 1847.

The Church remained after the Communion Service today, to hear

read a Letter Missive from the North Church and Society in Salem, inviting them to be present, by their pastor and delegate, at the Ordination of Mr. Octavius B. Frothingham, on the coming Wednesday, March 10th.

The invitation was accepted. Our brother P. C. Brooks was chosen delegate for that occasion; but excusing himself on the account of ill health, Rev. Charles Brooks was appointed in his place.

N. L. FROTHINGHAM.

Monday, October 4, 1847.

The Annual Meeting of the Communicant Members of the First Church was held this evening at the pastor's house, and opened with prayer. Present, Deacon Foster, and of the other brethren, Thomas B. Wales, Pelham W. Warren and Jesse Chickering. The deacon of the Church offered the following account of Receipts and Disbursements of the Fund for the poor:

1846		1846		
July 2.	Cash paid Mrs. Barton for cleaning Silver	\$12.00	Jan. 1. Balance of last ac- count	\$150.25
Dec. 31.	John F. Dillaway for repairing the Safe	5.32	Mar. 1. Quarterly Charity Lecture	10.36
	Ditto In Distributions to the poor of Church and Congre- gation	258.	Apr. 1. State Bank, dividend on 3760	112.80
	Balance	280.02	April. Union ditto 900	27.
		<hr/>	April. Market ditto 630	28.35
			April. Columbian ditto 200	6.
			June 7. Quarterly Charity Lecture	11.44
			Sep. 6. Quart. Charity Lecture	10.76
			Oct. 6. State Bank div. on 3760	112.80
			Oct. 6. Union Ditto 900	27.
			Oct. 6. Market Ditto 630	28.35
			Oct. 6. Columbian Ditto 200	6.
			Dec. 6. Quarterly Charity Lecture	24.23
			<hr/>	<hr/>
				\$555.34

This Report was accepted.

[21] In consideration of the large overplus of this Fund beyond the expenditure—not much more than half of it being required for the Society's

poor, Mr. Wales offered a Motion that The Deacon with the Pastor be authorized to distribute such portion of this surplus as they may see fit, to deserving poor females who are not connected with our Congregation. Whereupon, it was Voted unanimously to adopt that resolution.

The Pastor gave notice that Mr. Pulsifer had completed the Copy of the Church Records, according to instructions. It was produced for examination, as yet unbound; and the bills for the cost of the same, amounting to \$161.25, were shown to have been paid. It was thereupon Agreed, that this Copy of the Records, after having been bound, may be deposited in the Library of the Historical Society. The Church was also informed, that Mr. Pulsifer, through some misapprehension on his part, had made a duplicate copy of that part of the Records, which embraces the first fifty years. The question then arose, what should be done with the same—whether it should be purchased for their use, or left with the Writer to be disposed of according to his pleasure, subject however to their approbation. This question was left to the decision of the pastor and deacon of the Church, to act therein as they should think best.

The Meeting was then dissolved.

N. L. FROTHINGHAM.

Sunday, December 3d.

The Church remained after the Communion Service, to hear a Letter Missive read from the Church in Hollis Street, inviting them to be present by their Pastor and a Delegate, at the Installation of Rev. Thomas S. King, on the following Wednesday. The Invitation was accepted, and Mr. Samuel Bradlee was chosen to be the Delegate.

N. L. FROTHINGHAM.

[22] December 4, 1848.

The Annual Meeting of the Communicant Members of the First Church was held this evening at the house of the Pastor, and opened with prayer. Present—Deacon Foster, and of the brethren, Thomas B. Wales, Samuel Bradlee, Ephraim Hall, Jesse Chickering, Charles C. Paine, John E. Thayer and Edward F. Weld. The Deacon of the church offered the following Account of Receipts and Disbursements of the Fund for the Poor:

1847	1847		
Feb. 13. Cash paid 2 shares	\$200	Jan. 1. Balance of last ac-	
Columbian Bank	\$200	count	\$280.02
July 7. Ditto Mrs. Barton	12.	Mar. 7. Quarterly Charity	
Oct. 27. Ditto The Pastor	50.	Lecture	13.59

Dec. 3.	Ditto The Pastor	161.25	April.	State Bank dividend on \$3760	112.80
Dec. 31.	Ditto In Distribution to the Poor of Church and Con- gregation from Jan- uary 1 to Dec. 31	177.34	April.	Union ditto 900	31.50
			April.	Market Bank ditto 630	28.35
			April.	Columbian ditto 400	12.00
Dec. 31.	Balance to new ac- count	112.37	June 6.	Quarterly Charity Lecture	11.54
			Sep. 5.	Quarterly Charity Lecture	11.78
			Oct.	State Bank Divide. as above	112.80
			Oct.	Union ditto	31.50
			Oct.	Market ditto	31.50
			Oct.	Columbian ditto	12.
			Dec. 5.	Quarterly Charity Lecture	23.58
					\$712.96

This Report was accepted. Before it was read, however, the pastor explained the reason why the time of meeting had been deferred till now. It was that the members of the Church who spent their Summer in the Country did not all return to their places at an earlier period. The Records of the two preceding meetings were then read. The Pastor gave notice, that while the full Copy of the Church Record was kept under the care of the Deacon, in order to have the protection of a different place of deposit from the original, the Copy for the first Fifty years had been presented to the Historical Society of Massachusetts. The following Vote of that Society was then read:

[23] Massachusetts Historical Society.

January Meeting, 1848.

Rev. Dr. Frothingham made the following communication, viz.

“Boston, January 27, 1848, The Undersigned has the honor to present to the Historical Society, in the name of the First Church in Boston, a complete copy of the Records of that Church from 1630 to 1680.

N. L. FROTHINGHAM, Minister of the First Church.”

And it was thereupon Voted, on motion of Mr. Ticknor, that the thanks of the Society be presented to the First Church in Boston for their liberal donation; and that the Manuscript be suitably bound under the direction of the Librarian.

A Copy of Record,
Attest JOSEPH WILLARD
Recording Secretary, M.H.S.

Rev. Dr. Frothingham

Minister of the First Church in Boston.

The Pastor then announced, that in conformity with a vote adopted at the last meeting, on motion of Mr. Wales, the sum of \$50 from the Poor's fund had been granted to the "Needle Woman's Friend Society"; that being the sum for which he had given his receipt, according to the item of October 27 in the Deacon's last account. A question hereupon arose, whether there was any right to divert, in this manner or any other, a fund appropriated to the Poor of our own Society. The objection was strongly urged by Mr. Paine, and acknowledged to be so far valid as to discountenance any further proceeding of a like kind. At the same time, it was the expressed judgment of the Meeting, that this fund should not be allowed to accumulate for the future. Dr. Chickering suggested that there might be persons in the Society not classed among "the poor," and who would of themselves make no application for aid, to whom it might occasionally be of great convenience to receive a portion of its dividend. This idea was recommended, without a formal vote, to the attention of the officers of the Church.

The Meeting was then dissolved.

N. L. FROTHINGHAM.

[24] Lord's Day, January 28, 1849.

After the Morning Service a Letter Missive was read from the "New North" Church; being an invitation to attend the Ordination of Mr. Joshua Young as its Pastor on the Thursday following. On motion of the Deacon, Mr. John Eliot Thayer was chosen delegate to accompany the Pastor on that occasion.

N. L. FROTHINGHAM.

November 19, 1849.

The Annual Meeting of the Communicant members of the First Church was called for this evening at the minister's house; but a violent storm prevented the attendance of the brethren. None were present but Messrs. John E. Thayer and Henry W. Torrey. The Meeting was accordingly deferred.

Monday, December 3, 1849.

The deferred meeting was held this evening at the house of the pastor, and opened with prayer. Present, Messrs. Francis, Babcock, Bradlee, Thayer,

Brooks, Torrey and Weld. Deacon Foster was detained at home by illness, but sent the following "account of Receipts and Disbursements of the Fund for the Poor of First Church."

1848		1848	
June 17. Cash paid Mrs.		Jan. 1. Balance from last ac-	
Barton	\$12.	count	\$112.37
Dec. 31. Ditto in distribution		Mar. 5. Quarterly Charity	
to the poor of the		Lecture	14.77
Church and Con-		April. State Bank Div. on	
gregation	194.		\$3760 112.80
Balance for new		April. Union ditto 900	31.50
account	367.90	April. Market ditto 630	31.50
	<u>\$573.90</u>	April. Columbian ditto 400	12.
I have examined the above		June 4. Quarterly Charity Lec-	
account, and find the same		ture	11.65
correct and well vouched.		Sep. 3. Quarterly Charity Lec-	
(Signed)		ture	12.28
Samuel H. Babcock.		Oct. State Bank Div.	131.60
		Oct. Union Bank Div.	31.50
		Oct. Market Bank Div.	31.50
		Oct. Columbian Bank Div.	16.
		Dec. 3. Quarterly Charity Lec-	
		ture	24.43
			<u>\$573.90</u>

[25] This report was accepted. The minister mentioned that the number of beneficiaries had increased from four to seven; and took occasion to bear witness to the uniform care and kindness, with which the deacon of the Church fulfilled this part of his official duty. The subject of the Church plate was then brought up. This precious and unique treasure of silver, valuable for its antiquity, and for its historical and sacred associations, still more than for its weight, has been in the keeping of the minister for a great number of years. The charge of it he has always felt to involve a serious, and sometimes an anxious responsibility. He therefore requested that a new place of deposit might be found for it, that would make it more secure than it could be in any private dwelling. This was unanimously agreed to; and a Committee, consisting of Messrs. Samuel Bradlee and John E. Thayer, was appointed, with full powers to carry this measure into effect.

This meeting, rendered thin by another stormy evening, was then dissolved.

N. L. FROTHINGHAM.

March 20, 1853.

Owing to ill health I resigned my pastoral charge in March, 1850; and for the three following years no meeting of the Communicant Members of the First Church was held. In consequence of the happy unanimity of the Society in inviting Reverend Rufus Ellis of Northampton to be my successor, and his acceptance of that invitation, a meeting was called by the Deacon of the Church, Mr. James H. Foster, and held this evening in my Library. Present, Deacon Foster, who was appointed chairman, Thomas B. Wales, John E. Thayer, Henry W. Torrey, Dr. Palmer, Edward R. Hall, Caleb D. Bradlee and myself. The following Vote, offered by Mr. Torrey, was unanimously adopted, and Mr. F. was requested to send it inclosed in a letter to Mr. Ellis.

Voted That the Communicant members of the First Church in Boston offer their Pastor elect their hearty welcome, and assure him of their cheerful fellowship; that they rejoice in the hope of his public teaching, his private counsel and his friendly sympathy; and that they pray that this new connection may be crowned with the blessing of God, and with all the fruits of Christian unity and zeal.

[26] The meeting, after about an hour's further conversation, was dissolved.

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[27] May 11, 1853.

I continue to-day the Record of the doings of First Church, in accordance with the Excellent plan of my predecessor in the sacred office which has providentially fallen to me. On the twenty fifth page of this book I find the details of a Meeting of Communicants called by the Deacon of the Church for the purpose of extending to me, in advance of my coming amongst them, a right hand of Christian welcome. I received the vote passed at that meeting, in a very kind letter from Mr. H. W. Torrey. A paragraph from my reply to this communication is here inserted in testimony of the high estimate which I set upon Church-Life.

"A word from the Church, strictly so called, has a peculiar value. Making the largest allowance for the honest difficulties that keep some from the Lord's Table, it cannot be accounted an illiberality to regard the Body of Communicants as the Heart of a Society, the source of its truest vitality. It is the Church that lives. It has life in itself."

The letter will be found in full amongst my papers; but I have not thought it needful to copy it into these records at length.

RUFUS ELLIS.

May 11, 1853.

Passing from the days of preparation to the Day of Installation, I must transcribe the Record of the Council which was called together on the Fourth of May 1853 for the purpose of uniting with the First Church in establishing me as their Pastor.

“4. May 1853.

The Council met at the residence of Dr. Frothingham at 10.A.M. and came to order upon the call of Dr. F. according to whose motion Reverend Dr. Flint of Salem was appointed Moderator, and Reverend Mr. Ware of Cambridge, Scribe. The List of the Churches having been here called the following were found to be [28] represented.

Second Church in Boston, Rev. Chandler Robbins

Brattle Street Church, Boston, Rev. Dr. Lothrop and Richard Sullivan

New South Church, Boston, Rev. Dr. Young and B. A. Gould

Federal Street Church, Boston, Rev. Dr. Gannett, Jonathan Phillips,

James Savage

Hollis Street Church, Boston, Reverend T. Starr King and A. Ball

West Church, Boston

Bulfinch Street Church, Boston, Rev. F. T. Gray and Samuel Conder

Twelfth Church, Boston, Rev. Samuel Barrett and L. G. Pray

Thirteenth Church, Boston, Rev. J. I. T. Coolidge and G. G. Smith

South Congregational Church, Boston, Rev. F. D. Huntington and Jabez Ellis

Harvard Church, Charlestown, Reverend G. E. Ellis and William Eager

First Church in Roxbury, Rev. Dr. Putnam and S. C. Thwing

First Church in Dorchester, Rev. N. Hall and Henry Humphreys

First Church in Quincy, — Baxter

First Church in Salem, Reverend G. W. Briggs and D. A. White

East Church in Salem, Reverend Dr. Flint, Reverend D. Clapp and T. Downing

North Church in Salem, Reverend O. B. Frothingham and C. Foote

Church in Barton Square, Salem, Rev. James Thompson and Joseph Chamberlain

Church in Cambridge Port, Rev. J. F. W. Ware and George Livermore

First Church in Cambridge, Rev. William Newell and R. H. Hodges

New North Church, J. P. Hammatt

Church of the Savior, G. W. Warren

A letter was read by Dr. Frothingham from the Wardens of the Stone Chapel in which they (Expressed in behalf of the Church their interest in

the Services of the Day but declined) acknowledge "the kindness and courtesy of the invitation but in conformity with all previous usage on similar occasions respectfully decline the sending of a delegate."

The following letter was read from Rev. Dr. Lowell

"My Christian brethren and friends,

I am prevented in the Providence of God, a Providence always wise and good, from being with you in person, as you invited me to be, at the installation of your new Pastor. But I am not prevented from being with you in spirit, nor from [29] offering up in my retirement my prayers for your welfare.

Chauncy, not the least eminent in your succession of ministers, was the friend and eulogist of my most distinguished predecessor, and preached at the ordination of the eminently good man who succeeded him in the ministry.

The noble countenance of Clarke whose name would add lustre to any line of pastors, I well remember. Emerson was my instructor in childhood, and I enjoyed an affectionate friendship with him from my settlement in the ministry to the time of his translation to heaven. To Abbot, who 'being made perfect in a short time, fulfilled a long time,' I gave the Right Hand of Fellowship on his coming to this charge.

The friendship of his successor, whose presence and sympathy you are still permitted to enjoy, I have had the privilege of possessing, and with not a few of yourselves too, I have had frequent and affectionate communion as a minister and a friend.

It is known only to Him who knoweth all things, whether I shall be ever allowed to meet you again in the public duties or private intercourse of life but it is my desire and prayer for you that 'your conversation may be as it becometh the Gospel of Christ, and that whether I come and see you or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, striving together for the faith of the Gospel.'

Your friend, as I trust, in the best bonds

CHARLES LOWELL.

May 3, 1853."

A Letter from the Church in Northampton, granting the request of Mr. Ellis for a dissolution of his connexion with them was read and [30] accepted as satisfactory.

The Records of the Church not being produced and being temporarily inaccessible, a verbal statement from Dr. Frothingham with reference to the

call of Mr. Ellis and his acceptance thereof, was after some conversation accepted in their place.

Reverend F. D. Huntington was appointed to give the Right Hand of Fellowship and the Order of Exercises as appointed by the Society was approved.

The Council then voted themselves ready to attend the Services, and a Committee being in waiting, they proceeded to the Church at 11. A.M.

(Signed) JAMES FLINT, Moderator.

J. F. W. WARE, Scribe."

In the words and in the arrangement, though not in the *matter*, the above varies a little from the document which was put into my hands, I have therefore placed the original paper with the accompanying letters etc. on file.

I subjoin an "Order of Services," not only for the sake of recording the names of those who took part but to ensure the Hymn and Psalm against all the perils that threaten loose leaves.

Voluntary

Te Deum Laudamus
(Romberg)

Introductory Prayer

Rev. O. B. Frothingham

Reading of the Scriptures

Rev. J. I. T. Coolidge

[31] Hymn of Installation
(Ravenscroft ob. 1630)

Eternal Lord! To Thee the Church
Where now we praise and pray,
Though old to our historic search,
Is but of yesterday.

Of yesterday is all our race
To thine all present sight;
Before thy Truth both Time and Place
Dissolve in higher light.

Yet here, O heavenly Father, grant
Thy special Presence down!
Our Father's God, the children's want
With chosen bounties crown.

O deign to write thy love and fear
Upon these humble walls!
And speak when sinful man shall hear,
And listen when he calls.

Train up this flock, a Church indeed,
Unspotted, unenticed,
On thy dear Word of Life to feed,
And follow after Christ.

With light and strength, O Fount
Divine!
Fill high thy servant's heart,
Who seeks anew the anointing sign,—
The Grace Thou shalt impart.

Sermon

Rev. Geo. E. Ellis

Prayer of Installation

Reverend N. L. Frothingham

Psalm

(Ellenwood H.K.O.)

'The Lord gave the word';—'twas the Word of his Truth,
 And the Word of Salvation for all men to be,
 Then forth went its preachers, the aged, the youth,
 And "great was the company."

'The Lord gave the word';—it was not as of old
 When the Ark of His Strength to the Temple was brought,
 With the clang of steel and the gleaming of gold,
 And spoils of a battle fought.

[32] But the Gospel of Faith in the Spirit of Love
 Is the true 'King of Glory' the Church has enshrined;
 And 'the chariots of God' are the 'thousands' that move
 As 'angels' to bless mankind!
 O Lord, give this Word its triumphant success!
 Be its mercy and peace on thy worshippers here!
 And clothe all thy saints with its righteousness,
 With its earnest joy and fear.

N.L.F.

Charge

Reverend E. S. Gannett

Right Hand of Fellowship

Reverend F. D. Huntington

Address to the Society

Rev. Chandler Robbins

Anthem

Concluding Prayer

Rev. Alexander Young

Benediction

By the Pastor

After the Services in the Church which commended themselves to a very respectable audience as pervaded by an elevated and pure Christian spirit, the Pastors and Delegates from the Churches and invited guests dined with the Committee of First Church in Chapman Hall, Hon. Edward

Everett presiding at the Table. At the close of the entertainment Mr. Everett briefly and happily addressed the assembled friends in behalf of the Society, and was followed in a very few words by Dr. Gannett, Mr. James Savage, Rev. Mr. Ellis of Charlestown and the Pastor. I should have written that Rev. Mr. Morison, of Milton, asked the blessing at the Table.

[33] November 10, 1853

On account of the confusion incident to my absence from the City during the week days of the Summer I neglected to record a Communication bearing date May 10, 1853, received from the 'New North' Church and Society inviting the First Church to be present by Pastor and Delegate at the Installation of Reverend Arthur B. Fuller as their Pastor. Brother John E. Thayer was appointed to represent the Church in connexion with the Pastor. The Installation, as appointed, was solemnized on the First Day of June 1853, and the Church appeared through the above named Delegate.

RUFUS ELLIS.

April 11, 1854.

The Annual Meeting of the Communicant members of First Church was held this evening at the Minister's house. Present: Rev. Dr. Frothingham, Dea. Foster, and Messrs. Thayer, Bates, Hall, Palmer, Eaton, Weld, Torrey, Abbot, and Bradlee. The Pastor offered prayer. In answer to the usual call, the deacon of the Church presented the accounts of receipts and disbursements of the interest of the fund for the poor, during the years 1849-50,-51,-52,-53, the meetings of the Church having been suspended during this interval. The accounts are recorded below. The brethren unanimously voted I. "That said accounts be received and entered in the Pastor's Book." II. "That the distribution of the proceeds of our Charity Fund be left to the discretion of the Pastor and Deacon." III. "That the Pastor and Deacon are requested to engage as speedily and as earnestly as may be in the work of supplying the vacancy in the Deacon's office, and making good the number of Church officers." The brethren engaged in some discussion of the different modes of administering the Communion Service, with special reference to Liturgical Worship, and separated at 10. P.M. With reference to the Annual Meeting, it was unanimously decided "That it shall be held hereafter on some convenient evening of the week immediately preceding Easter Sunday, to be determined by the Pastor and Deacon."

Account of Receipts and Disbursements of Fund for the poor of First Church.

Dr.		Cr.
	1849	1849
Feb. 24. Cash paid for 3 shares State Bank \$174.75 (\$60 per share)		Jan. 1. Balance fr. last act. \$367.90
June 14. Cash paid Mrs. Bar- ton 12.		Mar. 4. Quarterly Charity Lecture 13.43
Dec. 31. Cash in distribution to poor of the Church and Con- gregation 275.62 (see small book)		April. State Bank dividend on 3940, 3½ 137.90
Balance to n/a 402.33		April. Union ditto 900, 3½ 31.50
		April. Market ditto 630, 5. 31.50
		April. Columbian Bank 400, 4 16.
		June 3. Quarterly Charity Lecture 13.15
		Sep. 2. Ditto 11.64
		Oct. State Bank dividend 3½. 137.90
		Oct. Union Bank 3½. 31.50
		Oct. Market Bank 5. 31.50
		Oct. Columbian Bank 3½. 14.
		Quarterly Lecture 26.78
		\$864.70

Boston, December 31, 1849.

	1850	1850
Feb. 16. Cash paid 3 shares Union Bank 311.25 (\$103.75)		Jan. 1. Balance of last ac- count 402.33
Aug. 30. Cash paid Mrs. Bar- ton 14.		Mar. 3. Quarterly Charity Lecture 14.14
Dec. 23. Cash paid Rev. An- drew Bigelow for admission of Miss Pamelia Brown to 'The Home for Aged Females' 100.		April. State Bank dividend on 3940, 3½ 137.90
Dec. 31. Cash in distribution to poor of Church and Congregation from 1 Jan. to 31 December 294		April. Union Bank—1200, 4 48
Balance to n/a 214.16		April. Market Bank 630, 5 31.50
		April. Columbian Bank 400, 3½ 14.
		June. Quarterly Charity- Union Bank 12 rights 3/ 6.
		Sep. Quarterly Charity 11.95
		Oct. State Bank div. 3½ 137.90
		Oct. Union Bank 4 48.
		Market Bank 5 31.50
		Columbian ditto 3½ 14
		Dec. 1. Quarterly Charity 24. 5
		\$933.41

Boston, December 31, 1850.

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[35] Account of Receipts and Disbursements of Fund for the Poor of First Church.

Dr.		Cr.
	1851	1851
Apr. 7. Cash paid Mrs. Butman	8.	Jan. 1. By Balance
Aug. 12. Cash paid Mrs. Butman	4.	Mar. 2. Quarterly Charity Lecture
Oct. 2. Cash 2 shares Columbian Bank	200.	Apr. 1. State Bank dividend
Nov. 7. Cash paid Mrs. Butman	4.	3940, 3½
Cash Distribution to poor of Church and Congregation from Jan. 1, to Dec. 31, 1851	235.	Apr. 1. Union Bank 1200, 4
Balance	<u>289.86</u>	Apr. 1. Market Bank 630, 5
		Columbian Bank 400, 3½
		June 1. Quarterly Charity Lect.
		Sep. 7. Quarterly Charity Lect.
		Oct. State Bank dividend
		Union Bank dividend
		Market Bank
		Columbian Bank
		Quarterly Charity Lect.
		<u>\$740.86</u>

December 31, 1851.

	1852	1852
Feb. 20. Cash paid Mrs. Butman	3.	Jan. 1. Balance
Apr. 23. Cash 3 shares Columbian Bank	309.75	Mar. 7. Quarterly Charity Lect.
June 5. Cash Mrs. Butman	3.	April. State Bank dividend
Sep. 4. Cash Mrs. Butman	3.	3940, 3½
Dec. 6. Cash Mrs. Butman	3.	April. Union Bank 1200, 4.
Dec. 31. To the Poor from 1 Jan. to 31 Decem- ber, 1852	223.	April. Market Bank 630.
Balance	<u>270.25</u>	June 6. Columbian Bank 600.
		June 6. Quarterly Charity Lect.
		Sep. 6. Quarterly Charity Lect.
		Oct. State Bank dividend
		3940, 3
		Oct. Union Bank dividend
		1200.
		Market Bank dividend
		630.
		Columbian Bank 900.
		Dec. 5. Quarterly Charity Lect.
		<u>\$815.</u>

December 31, 1852.

[36] Account of Receipts and Disbursements of Fund for Poor of First Church.

Dr.		Cr.	
	1853	1853	
Jan. 26. Cash for 2 shares Columbian Bank	212.50	Jan. 1. Balance of last ac- count	270.25
Feb. 24. Cash Mrs. Butman	3.	Mar. 6. Quarterly Charity Lect.	14.
June 4. Cash Mrs. Butman	3.	April. State Bank. 3940,	
Oct. 1. Cash Mrs. Butman	4	3½	137.90
Dec. 31. Distributed to poor of Church and Con- gregation from 1 Jan. 31 Decem- ber '53	193.	April. Union Bank 1200, 4.	48.
Balance	424.44	Market Bank 630, 5.	31.50
	\$839.94	Columbian Bank	
		1100, 3.	33.
		Quarterly Charity	11.25
		Quarterly omitted in	
		June	12.82
		Oct. State Bank 3½	137.90
		Union ditto 4	48.
		Market ditto 5	31.50
		Columbian ditto 3½	38.50
		Dec. 4. Quarterly Charity	
		Lecture	25.32
			\$839.94

December 31, 1853.

Rufus Ellis.

December 11, 1854.

First Church was represented by Pastor and brother Samuel Bradlee at the Ordination of Mr. Caleb Davis Bradlee over the Allen St. Church, North Cambridge. Preacher, Rev. T. Starr King.

1855

January 14, 1855.

First Church was represented by Bro. Henry C. Torrey at the Ordination of Mr. William G. Scandlin, as a Minister at Large in the Employment of the Benevolent Fraternity of Churches. Services in Hollis St. House of Worship. Preacher, Rev. Dr. Gannett.

[37] April 5, 1855.

The Annual Meeting of the male Communicants of the First Church was held this Evening at the house of the Pastor. Present: Rev. Dr. Frothingham, Messrs. Bates, Thayer, Abbot and Palmer. On account of the unfavorable weather Dea. James H. Foster was not able to be with us but sent in the usual statements of receipts and Expenditures in the matters of the Church Fund and the Church poor. The Pastor offered prayer. The

brethren then gave their attention to the financial report just referred to, and which will be found appended to this record. The following votes were then passed.

I. A strong, locked trunk shall be provided for the safe keeping of the original Book of Records of First Church; said trunk shall be marked with the name of the Church and with its contents shall be deposited in the safe of our plate-keeper or of one of the City banks.

II. The copy of this original Book now in the keeping of Dea. Foster shall be deposited with the Pastor who shall be at liberty to lend it to any person who may have occasion in the course of historical or other inquiries to make use of it—provided always that the borrower shall sign an obligation to make good the copy in case any harm shall come to it.

[38] Account of Receipts and Disbursements of the Fund for the poor of the First Church.

Dr.		Cr.	
	1854	1854	
June 2. Cash paid six shares Columbian Bank	600	Jan. 1. Balance of last ac- count	424.44
Mar. Ditto Mrs. Butman	5	Mar. 5. Quarterly Charity	
July 1. Ditto Mrs. Butman	5	Lecture	13.51
Dec. 2. Ditto Mrs. Butman	6.25	April. State Bank dividend	
Dec. 31. Ditto in distribution to the poor of Church and Con- gregation from 1 January to 31 December, 1854	206.	on 3940, 3½	137.90
Balance	186.18	Union ditto 1200, 4.	48.
	\$1008.43	Market ditto 630, 5.	31.50
		Columbian ditto	
		1100, 3½	38.50
		June 4. Quarterly Charity	
		Lecture	11.65
		Sep. 3. Quarterly Charity	
		Lecture	11.30
		Oct. State Bank dividend	
		3½	137.90
		Union Bank divi- dend 4.	48
		Market Bank divi- dend 5.	31.50
		Columbian Bank divi- dend 3½	38.50
		Ditto interest on new shares.	12.
		Dec. 3. Quarterly Charity	
		Lecture	23.73
			\$1008.43

December 31, 1854.

Rufus Ellis.

First Church received an invitation from the South Congregational Church in Nantucket to assist by Pastor and Delegate at the Ordination of Mr. George W. Hepworth, September 12. Voted "To be present by the Pastor and Rev. Dr. Frothingham." Neither the Pastor nor his Delegate was able to carry out this vote. Preacher: Rev. Dr. E. S. Gannett.

First Church received an invitation from the North Church, Salem to assist by Pastor and Delegate at the Installation of Rev. Charles Lowe, October 25th.

Voted "To be present by Pastor and Dr. George Bates"; and the Pastor was present. Preacher: Rev. Dr. A. P. Peabody.

[39] March 21, 1856.

The Annual Meeting of the male communicants of the First Church was held this evening at the house of the Pastor and opened by him with prayer. Present, Rev. Dr. Frothingham, Dea. James H. Foster, Messrs. John Eliot Thayer, Samuel L. Abbot, Joseph Palmer, John P. Bigelow, Hermann J. Warner and William Everett and Joseph M. Sherburne. Dea. Foster presented the following:

"Account of Receipts and Disbursements of the Fund for the Poor of the First Church"

Dr.		1855	1855	Cr.
Apr. 6.	Cash paid Mrs. Butman	5.00	Jan. 1. By Balance	186.18
Sep. 2.	Cash paid Mrs. Butman	6.25	Mar. 4. By Quarterly Charity	
	Cash paid Mrs. Butman	5.00	Lecture	18.51
	Cash in distribution to		Apr. By State Bank divi-	
	the Poor of Church		dend on 3940, 3½	137.90
	and Congregation		Apr. By Union Bank divi-	
	from January 1 to		dend on 1200, 4.	48.
	December 31, 1855	260.00	Apr. By Market Bank divi-	
	Balance	528.60	dend on 630, 5.	31.50
			Apr. By Columbian Bank	
			dividend on 1700,	
			3½	59.50
			June 3. Quarterly Charity Lec-	
			ture	17.70
			Sep. 2. Ditto	14.06
			Oct. State Bank	3½ 137.90
			Union Bank	4. 48.
			Market Bank	5. 31.50
			Columbian Bank	3½ 59.50
			Dec. 2. Quarterly Charity Lec-	
			ture	14.60
		\$804.85		\$804.85

December 31, 1855.

James H. Foster, Deacon.

And it was moved that said account be accepted and placed on record, and so the brethren voted. Dr. Samuel L. Abbot called attention to certain poor children from an Institution in Kneeland Street known as the "Temporary Home for destitute children," who, it appears, have for more than a year attended Divine Service and Sunday School with us, and commended them as fit objects for the Charity Fund. The brethren accorded in this opinion, with the understanding that no appropriation should be made to the Institution as an Institution, but only to the children, and this in order to satisfy the terms of Trust under which we hold our Charity-monies. It was the general opinion of those present that [40] the accumulation of the Fund is not a thing to be desired. The Church next proceeded to the election of a second Deacon and made choice of Dr. George Bates. Upon the representation of the Pastor that the demand of a subscription to a covenant before an allowance of Communion at the Lord's Table is an offence to some tender consciences, Rev. Dr. Frothingham proposed the following Vote "That our Pastor may feel authorized to admit any persons to our service of Communion on their application and at his discretion." And it was passed with one dissenting voice. After some discussion upon the Subject of the use of a Liturgy in our Sunday Worship, the meeting was dissolved.

RUFUS ELLIS.

April 9, 1857.

The Annual Meeting of the Male Communicants of the First Church was held this Evening at the house of the Pastor and opened by him with prayer. Present, Reverend Dr. Frothingham, Dea. James H. Foster, Samuel L. Abbot, M.D., George O. Harris, Hermann J. Warner, Charles L. Hayward.

Deacon Foster presented the Annual Account of Receipts and Disbursements as exhibited on the opposite page. The Pastor read a Communication from Dr. George Bates declining the office of Deacon to which he was chosen at the Annual Meeting of 1856.

Some conversation was had touching the children from the Temporary Home and the aid to be afforded them and the following motion was submitted and passed—Voted That a sum not exceeding (\$150) one hundred and fifty dollars be paid this year from the Charity Fund to our Pastor as he may call for it, to be by him used as he may think proper for the benefit of the poor children who may form part of our congregation or attend Sunday School with us.

[41] Account of Receipts and Disbursements of the Funds for the Poor of the First Church.

1856	1856
Mar. 7. Cash paid for 2 shares Atlantic Bank 190.50	Jan. 1. Balance of last ac- count 528.60
Mar. 11. Cash paid for 2 shares Atlantic Bank 192.50	Mar. 2. Quarterly Charity Lecture 31. 1
Sep. Cash paid Mrs. Butman 3.	April. State Bank Dividend on 3940, 3½ 137.90
Nov. 17. Cash paid Mrs Butman 3.	April. Union ditto Dividend on 1200, 4. 48.00
Dec. 19. Cash paid for 4 shares Atlantic Bank 397.00	April. Market Bank Dividend 630. 5. 31.50
Dec. 31. Cash paid Mrs. Butman 9.00	April. Columbian Bank Divi- dend 17.00, 3½. 59.50
Dec. 31. Ditto in Distribution to Poor of Church and Congregation from Jan. 1. to December 31, 1856 353.00	April. Atlantic Bank Dividend 400, 3. 12.
Dec. 31. Balance 57.31	June 2. Quarterly Charity Lecture. 12.37
	Sep. 7. Quarterly Charity Lecture 11.79
	Oct. State Bank divi- dend 4. 157.60
	Oct. Union ditto 4. 48.
	Oct. Market ditto 5. 31.50
	Oct. Columbian 3½ 59.50
	Oct. Atlantic 3. 12.
	Dec. 7. Quarterly Charity Lecture 24.04
	<hr/> \$1205.31 <hr/> \$1205.31

December 31, 1856.

James H. Foster, Deacon.
Rufus Ellis.

April 1, 1858.

The Annual Meeting of the Male Communicants of the First Church was held this evening at the house of the Pastor and opened by him with prayer. Present Rev. Dr. Frothingham, Dea. James H. Foster, Dr. Samuel L. Abbot, Peter Allen, Dr. Joseph Palmer, Charles L. Hayward, Hermann J. Warner, and George O. Shattuck.

Deacon Foster presented the Annual Account of Receipts and Disbursements as appended. The Vote of the last year with reference to poor chil-

dren who are or may be in attendance upon our Religious Services or connected with our Sunday School was renewed for the current year.

[42] Dr. Frothingham proposed that our Invitation to the Communion Service be modified so that it shall be substantially as follows—"The Ordinance of the Lord's Supper will be administered after the Benediction and in behalf of the Church, I invite all who desire to commemorate the love of the Lord Jesus to take part with us in the observance." After some discussion it was voted "That the subject be brought before an adjourned meeting to be held a week from to-night at the same hour and in the same place." The attention of the brethren was then called to the use of the *Gloria Patri* in our Church Service and objection was made to it by several as unsuitable to the worship of a Unitarian Congregation, and then the meeting was adjourned to be brought together again on the 8th inst.

Account of Receipts and Disbursements of the Fund for Poor of First Church.

Dr.		1857	Cr.	
Aug. 1.	Cash paid Mrs. Butman	7.	Jan. 1. Balance	57.31
Dec. 14.	Ditto Rev. R. Ellis pr. vote for S.S. Children	25.	Mar. 1. Quarterly Charity Lecture	13.61
Dec. 26.	Ditto Mrs. Butman	8.	April. State Bank dividend on 3940. (4)	157.60
Dec. 31.	Ditto in Distribution to the Poor of Church and Congregation from Jan. 1 to December 31,		Union Bank dividend on 1200. (4)	48.
	1857.	334.	Market Bank dividend on 630, 5	31.50
	Balance	365.41	Columbian Bank dividend on 1700. 3½	59.50
			Atlantic Bank dividend on 800, 3.	24.
			Jan. 7. Quarterly Charity Lecture	12.22
			Oct. State Bank dividend 3½	137.90
			Union Bank dividend 4.	48.
			Market Bank dividend 5.	31.50
			Columbian Bank dividend 3½	59.50
			Atlantic Bank dividend 3.	24.
<hr/>		\$739.41		

December 31, 1857.

Dec. 6. Quarterly Charity
Lecture

September Lect.	omitted	34.77
		<u>\$739.41</u>

E. E. James H. Foster, Deacon.
Rufus Ellis.

[43] April 8, 1858.

Met at the house of the Pastor according to adjournment. Present Rev. Dr. Frothingham, Messrs. Piper, Eaton, Palmer, Everett and Harris. The proposition made at our last meeting by Dr. Frothingham with reference to the Invitation to the Communion Service was taken up and it was ascertained that nine of our communicants members are in favor of it whilst four deem it unadvisable and it was Voted at the request of the Pastor "that it be left to his discretion to introduce the alteration or to retain the present form" and thereupon the Meeting was dissolved.

April 21, 1859.

The Annual Meeting of the Male Communicants of the First Church was held this Evening at the house of the Pastor and was opened by him with prayer. Present Rev. Dr. Frothingham, Dea. James H. Foster, Dr. Samuel L. Abbot, Dr. Joseph Palmer, Messrs. Hermann J. Warner, E. R. Hall, Geo. Callender, Geo. Fowle, George O. Harris, D. Waldo Salisbury, William Everett and J. Ellery Piper.

Deacon Foster presented the annual account of receipts and Expenditures, as appended. Messrs. Abbot and Harris were appointed a Committee to inquire into the conditions upon which this Church receives its portion of the Quarterly Charity Lecture distributions, especially to learn whether we must confine ourselves in dispensing the same to the poor of our Society.

Deacon Foster was requested to appropriate, as the Pastor may ask, a sum not exceeding \$150 for the current year to be used in clothing poor children who are or may be in attendance upon our Sunday School or Religious Services.

[44] After conversation upon the character of our Church Music the meeting was dissolved.

Account of Receipts and Disbursements of the Fund for the Poor of First Church.

Dr.		1858		1858		Cr.
Jan. 22.	Cash paid Rev.			Jan. 1.	Balance of Last Ac-	
	R. Ellis	25.00			count	365.41
June 24.	Cash paid Mrs. Butman	5.00		Mar. 7.	Quarterly Charity Lect.	13.66
July 2.	Cash paid 3 Shares Traders' Bank	302.25		April.	State Bank, divi- dend on 3946 3½	137.90
Aug. 5.	Cash paid Mrs. Butman	5.00		April.	Union Bank divi- dend 1200, 4.	48.
Dec. 9.	Cash paid Mrs. Butman	5.00		April.	Market Bank divi- dend 630, 4.	25.20
Dec. 14.	Cash paid Rev. R. Ellis	25.00		April.	Columbian Bank divi- dend 1700 3½	59.50
	Cash In Distributions to the Poor of the Church and Congre- gation from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 1858.	357.00		April.	Atlantic Bank divi- dend 800. 3.	24.
Dec. 31.	Balance	274.65		June 6.	Quarterly Charity Lect.	12.32
				Sep.	Quarterly Charity Lect.	11.31
				Oct.	State Bank divi- dend 3½	137.90
				Oct.	Union Bank divi- dend 3½	42.
				Oct.	Market Bank divi- dend 4.	25.20
				Oct.	Columbian Bank divi- dend 3½	59.50
				Oct.	Atlantic Bank divi- dend 3½	28.00
				Oct.	Traders Bank 300. 3.	9.00
		<u>\$998.90</u>			<u>\$998.90</u>	

December 31, 1858.

E. E. James H. Foster, Deacon.

Rufus Ellis.

April 5, 1860.

Met for our annual assembling at the house of the Pastor. After prayers it was found that there were present Messrs. Foster, Palmer, Austin, Collamore, Hall, Abbot, Harris, Rice, Piper and Paine (R. T. Jr.) Dea. Foster presented his annual account of Receipts and disbursements and the same will be found appended. The Committee upon the Charity Lecture appointed at our last Annual Meeting reported upon the subjects assigned to them for inquiry, recommending no change in our relation to that Institution or in our employment of our portion of the receipts. [45] It was Voted That Dea. Foster be and hereby is requested to appropriate, as the Pastor may ask, a sum not exceeding \$150 for the current year to be used in clothing poor children who are or may be in attendance upon our Sun-

day School or Religious Services. The brethren conversed upon the missionary work of the Church, the means of extending it, the establishment of Sunday Schools for the poor and the ways by which a larger number can be brought to the ordinance of the Supper and then the meeting was dissolved.

Account of Receipts and Disbursements of the Fund for the poor of First Church.

Dr.		Cr.
	1859	1859
Jan. 12. Cash paid Rev.		Jan. 1. By Balance
R. Ellis for S.S.		274.65
children	25.00	Jan. 1. Quarterly Charity Lect.
		December 23.76
Feb. 16. Ditto Mrs. Butman	5.	Mar. 6. Quarterly Charity Lect.
Aug. 6. Ditto Mrs. Butman	1.25	April. State Bank dividend
Oct. 27. Ditto Rev. R. Ellis		3940 3½ 137.90
for S.S. children	25.00	Union Bank dividend
Dec. 31. Ditto Mrs. Pike for		1200 3½ 42.
cleaning silver	7.50	Market Bank dividend
Ditto in distribution to		630 3½ 22.05
poor of Church and		Atlantic Bank dividend
Congregation from		800 3½ 28.00
Jan. 1st to Decem-		Traders Bank dividend
ber 31, 1859.	392.	300 3. 9.
Balance	499.94	Columbian Bank divi-
		dend 1700 3½ 59.50
		June 5. Quarterly Charity
		Lect. 13.54
		Sep. 4. Quarterly Charity
		Lect. 11.85
		Oct. 3. State Bank dividend
		3½ 137.90
		Union Bank dividend
		3½ 42.00
		Market Bank dividend
		3½ 22.05
		Atlantic Bank dividend
		3½ 28.00
		Traders Bank dividend
		3. 9.00
		Columbian Bank divi-
		dend 3½. 59.50
		Dec. 4. Quarterly Charity Lect. 22.91
	<u>\$955.65</u>	<u>\$955.69</u>

December 31, 1859.

James H. Foster, Deacon.
Rufus Ellis.

[46] June 17, 1860.

The First Church was represented this evening by Pastor and Delegate Dr. Samuel L. Abbot in the Council for the Ordination of Mr. Joseph F. Lovering as Colleague of Rev. Dr. Barrett in the Pastoral Care of the Twelfth Congregational Church in this City.

April 4, 1861.

The Annual Meeting of the Male Communicants of the First Church was held this evening at the house of the Pastor. Present Rev. Dr. Frothingham, Messrs. J. P. Bigelow, J. E. Piper, H. B. Rice, John Collamore, Joseph Palmer and George O. Harris.

After Prayer from the Pastor the Annual Account of Receipts and Expenditures was presented on behalf of Dea. Foster who was unable to be present.

It was Voted That Dea. Foster be and hereby is requested to appropriate, as the Pastor may ask, a sum not exceeding \$150 for the current year to be used in clothing poor children who are or may be in attendance upon our Sunday School or Religious Services.

Much satisfaction was expressed in view of the increased expenditure of money for the poor, and the reduction of our yearly balance.

The Account will be found on the opposite page.

[47] Account of Receipts and Disbursements of the Fund for the Poor of the First Church.

Dr.		Cr.
	1860	1860
Jan. 28. Cash for One share Atlantic Bank	106.75	Jan. 1. Balance 499.94
Jan. 31. Ditto Rev. R. Ellis	30.	April. State Bank dividend on \$3940 at 3½
Feb. 7. Ditto Two shares Atlantic Bank	214.	percent 137.90
June 6. Ditto Mrs. Pike	7.50	Union ditto 1200 at 4. 48.00
Dec. 19. Ditto In distribution to the Poor of		Market ditto 630 at 3½ 22.05
Dec. 26. Church and Congre- gation from Jan. 1		Atlantic 1100 at 3½ 38.50
Dec. 31. to Dec. 31, 1860.	460.	Columbian 1700 at 3½ 59.50
Dec. 31. Balance.	382. 6	Traders 300 at 3. 9.00
	<u>1237.81</u>	July 5. Received for 17 rights to new shares in Co- lumbian Bank \$2. 34.
December 31, 1860.		

Oct.	State Bank dividend	137.90
	Union ditto	48.
	Market 4 percent	25.20
	Atlantic	38.50
	Columbian	59.50
	Traders	9.
Dec. 2.	Charity Lecture	70.82
		<u>1237.81</u>

E. E. James H. Foster.
Rufus Ellis.

April 27, 1862.

The annual meeting of the male communicants of the First Church was held this evening at the house of the Pastor. Present Rev. Dr. Frothingham, Messrs. C. W. Clark, H. B. Rice, George O. Harris, George W. Wales, J. E. Piper, E. R. Hall, George O. Shattuck, D. Waldo Salisbury, George Fowle. After prayer from the Pastor the Annual Account of Receipts and Expenditures was presented on behalf of Dea. Foster who was unable to be present. It was Voted That Dea. Foster be and hereby is requested to appropriate, as the Pastor may ask, a sum not exceeding \$150 for the current year to be used in clothing poor children who are or may be in attendance upon our Sunday School or Religious [48] Services. The Pastor called the attention of the brethren to the fact that the brother who has so long served the Church in the office of the Deacon, alone and unaided, needs now by reason of the increasing infirmities of advanced age efficient helpers. It was unanimously Voted thereupon That the Pastor nominate two who shall be with himself a Committee to propose to the brethren the names of such persons as they may deem fitted to perform the duties of Deacons in this Church.

Messrs. Wales and Shattuck were selected for this purpose and presented the names of Calvin W. Clark and E. R. Hall. Both of these gentlemen declining to be candidates for the office, the Committee again withdrew and upon their return offered again the name of our brother Clark in connection with that of George O. Shattuck. These gentlemen, not having considered the matter and being unwilling to accept the trust it was Voted That this meeting be and hereby is adjourned to Sunday Evening May 11, at 7½ o'clock in the same place; in the hope that our friends may yet consent to serve us in the office of Deacon.

The account will be found on the opposite page.

RUFUS ELLIS.

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[49] Account of Receipts and Disbursements of the Fund for the Poor of the First Church.

Dr.		1861		Cr.
			Jan. 1. Balance	382. 6
Feb. 6.	Cash paid Rev.	30.	State Bank dividend on	
	R. Ellis. S. Sch.		3940, 3½ percent	137.90
Apr. 1.	Ditto	25.	Union Bank ditto	
July 9.	Ditto Mrs. Pike	7.50	1200, 4	48
Aug. 19.	Ditto 3 sh. Atlantic		Market Bank ditto	
	Bank	278.25	630, 3½	22. 5
Nov. 30.	Ditto Rev. R. Ellis,		Atlantic Bank ditto	
	S.Sch.	25.	1100, 3	33.
Dec. 24.	Ditto Mrs. Pike	7.50	Columbian Bank ditto	
Dec. 31.	Ditto In Distribution		1700, 3½	59.50
	to the Poor of		Traders Bank	
	Church and Congre-		300, 3	9
	gation from Jan-		State Bank	137.90
	uary 1 to Decem-		3½	
	ber 31, 1861, see		Union	42
	small bills	407.	Market	3½ 22 5
	Balance	253.21	Atlantic none	
			Columbian	3. 51.
			Traders	3. 9.
			Charity Lectures (for	
			the year)	80
				1033.46

December 31, 1861.

E. E. James H. Foster, Deacon.

May 11, 1862.

A meeting of the male communicants of First Church was held by adjournment this evening at the house of the Pastor. Present Rev. Dr. Frothingham, Messrs. C. W. Clark, J. E. Piper, E. R. Hall, George Fowle, George O. Shattuck, J. P. Bigelow, H. B. Rice, G. W. Wales, D. W. Salisbury and Dr. S. L. Abbot. Neither of the gentlemen nominated for the office of Deacon was found willing to accept the nomination. The brethren then appointed a nominating committee consisting of the following gentlemen—Dr. S. L. Abbot, D. W. Salisbury, George O. Shattuck. They nominated the following brethren Messrs. C. W. Clark, J. B. Richardson, G. O. Harris and Dr. Joseph Palmer. Mr. Clark still declined to serve. Mr. John Collamore's name was then substituted. These gentlemen were then chosen; but as it appeared that Mr. Collamore will in all probability be absent from us for some years his election was recon-

sidered. It was understood that in case any one of these gentlemen [50] shall decline the office the Pastor shall call a meeting of the brethren immediately after morning service on Sunday next for further action in the premises. Adjourned.

RUFUS ELLIS.

May 18, 1862.

A meeting of the male communicants of First Church was held this day in the vestry of the Church after Morning Service.

The Pastor reported that Brothers Richardson and Palmer have declined whilst Bro. Harris has accepted the office of Deacon in our Church. It was Voted That Bros. Hall, Shattuck, and Abbot be a Committee to select and report names of brethren who shall seem to them eligible for this service and that when they shall have reported such names to the Pastor a meeting of the Male Communicants shall be called by him.

Adjourned. RUFUS ELLIS.

December 15, 1862.

The Communicant Members of the Church were requested to remain after Divine Service yesterday morning and the Pastor announced to them the removal by death of our Senior Deacon⁸ at the advanced age of eighty nine, he having served the Church in this capacity since the 5th of March 1815. The Pastor then requested the Committee having in charge the nomination of brethren for the office of Deacon to use all diligence in a work which now becomes especially pressing, and asked whether any member had a word to offer with reference to the loss which our Church has experienced in the death of our aged friend. The Rev. Dr. Frothingham rose in response to the inquiry and referred in the kindest manner to the pleasant relations which had ever been maintained between himself and the late Senior Deacon whose Diaconate commenced at about [51] the same time with his Pastorate and then begged leave to present a word of Acknowledgement which was accepted by the Church to be spread upon our Record and transmitted to the only surviving member of the household of the deceased. It is herewith subjoined.

“Since it has pleased the Heavenly Providence to remove out of the present life the Senior deacon of this church, after a term of service greatly prolonged beyond the usual measure, the Church wishes to place upon record, in the simplest manner, its sense of the scrupulous fidelity, and the

⁸ James Hiller Foster. Cf. p. 1000.

sure steadfastness, with which he devoted himself to the duties of his office.

It remembers with respect his constant presence at the most solemn of its ordinances, continued with scarcely a break for almost half a century, and by himself unattended for almost thirty years, and persevered in through age and infirmity till Nature gave out.

It remembers with respect his quiet work and reverent spirit, and the silent faith that carried him serenely through so many domestic sorrows.

And it gives thanks on his behalf, that the closing event, so long in coming, came with so swift a mercy at the last.

May his spirit see more enduring things than his eyes have closed upon, and rest in the peace of God!"

RUFUS ELLIS.

The First Church took part through the Pastor and Delegate, G. O. Harris in the ordination of Mr. Charles W. Buck as an Evangelist. The Services were in the Hollis St. Church. The Pastor of First Church gave the charge.

[52] April 15, 1863.

The Church had been summoned to the usual Annual Meeting; but the attendance proving from some cause to be very small it was deemed best to adjourn until Wednesday of the next week.

RUFUS ELLIS.

April 22, 1863.

The Annual Meeting was held this Evening by adjournment at the House of the Pastor. There were present Rev. Dr. Frothingham, Messrs. Fowle, Rice, Salisbury, J. P. Bigelow and P. Bigelow, Palmer, Piper, Hall and Harris. After prayer from the Pastor the Deacon presented to the Communicants the Account of Receipts and Disbursements for the Poor etc. during the past year. It was accepted and will be found upon the Record. It was Voted That it is the wish of the Church that the income of our Fund for the relief of the Poor should be so employed at the discretion of the Pastor and Deacon as to relieve children who may be gathered for regular attendance in the Sunday School, and for the parents of the children who may be habitual worshippers.

It was Voted That the Pastor and Deacon with Mr. G. O. Shattuck be a Committee with full powers to take such action as they shall deem most suitable with regard to a Legacy of our late Deacon Foster of which our Deacons are constituted the Trustees.

An earnest and general desire was expressed that our Income for the Poor should be made use of as freely as regard to the terms of the Trust would allow.

[53] Account of Receipts and Disbursements of the Fund for the Poor of First Church and Congregation.

Dr.		Cr.
	1862	1862
Feb. 15. Paid Rev. R. Ellis, for S. School	30.00	Balance from ac- count rendered 253.21
June 6. Paid Mrs. Pike	7.50	Jan. 1. State Bank \$3940
Oct. 23. Paid Rev. R. Ellis for S. School	30.00	3½ percent 137.90
Nov. 7. Paid Mrs. Gerry for Mrs. Barker	29.50	Apr. 1. Union Bank 1200
Dec. 31. Paid Rev. R. Ellis for S. School	150.00	3½ percent 42.00
Dec. 31. Paid In distribution to the poor of the Ch. and Congrega- tion from January 1 to Dec. 31, 1862 as per small book	\$417. \$104 521.00	Market Bank 630
Dec. Balance at Credit in new account	61.11	3½ percent 22.05
		Atlantic Bank 1400
		3 percent 42.00
		Columbian Bank 1700
		3 percent 51.00
		Traders Bank 300 none 0
		Oct. 1. State Bank 3940
		3½ percent 137.90
		Union Bank 1200
		3½ percent 42.00
		Market Bank 630
		3½ percent 22.05
		Atlantic Bank 1400
		2 percent 28.00
		Columbian Bank 1700
		3 percent 51.00
		Traders Bank 300 none 0
		<hr/> \$829.11 <hr/> \$829.11

Boston, December 31, 1862.

E. E. George O. Harris, Deacon.
Rufus Ellis.

March 31, 1864.

The Annual Meeting of the male communicants of First Church was held this evening at the house of the Pastor. There were present Messrs. G. O. Harris, John Collamore, Nathaniel Thayer, E. R. Hall, S. L. Abbot, J. E. Piper, D. W. Salisbury, and T. B. Wales. The inclement weather prevented some of the members from attending. The Pastor of-

ferred Prayer. The Deacon presented the usual account of receipts and Expenditures. It was upon motion of Mr. Nathaniel Thayer Voted That a quarterly contribution be asked from the Congregation to be placed in the hands of the Pastor and Deacon for such Church purposes as may commend themselves to their judgement, in the way of relief for the poor and in other ways.

It was thought that our Church work would soon require the avails of such contributions.

[54] Account of Receipts and Disbursements of the Fund for the Poor of First Church and Congregation.

Dr.		Cr.
1863	Paid for purposes of the Sunday School agreeably to an appropriation by the Communicants of the Church at their annual meeting	Jan. 1. By Balance from last account
	\$250.00	61.11
		Apr. 1. State Bank 3940,
		3½ percent 137.90
		Union ditto 1200,
		4 percent 48.00
		Market ditto 630,
		3½ percent 22.05
		Atlantic ditto 1400,
		2 percent 28.00
		Columbian ditto 1700,
		3 percent 51.00
		Traders ditto 300 0
		Receipts from Quarterly Charity Lectures 1862 81.83
		State Bank
		3½ percent 137.90
		Union ditto 4 percent 48.00
		Market ditto 4 percent 25.20
		Atlantic ditto 3 percent 42.00
		Columbian ditto
		3 percent 51.00
		Traders Bank 0
		Receipts from Quarterly Charity Lectures 1863 79.94
		\$813.93
		Balance brought down 69.10

Boston, March 31, 1864.

E. E. George O. Harris, Deacon.

May 28, 1865.

The Annual Meeting was called for this evening on account of a press of engagements during the week before Easter. There were present Messrs. Harris, Thayer, Shattuck, Everett, Fowle, Piper, Bigelow, and Storer, some of the members being absent from the city and others confined at home by illness. The Deacon read the Account of Receipts and Expenditures for the past year and it was accepted and ordered to be placed on file. The Pastor reported as to the result of our quarterly collections, that four have already been taken up and that many poor children have been aided. The Committee on the legacy of the late Deacon Foster for the use of poor students of Theology at Cambridge reported that the bequest had been paid, amounting to \$1000 less tax, i.e. to \$950 and properly invested.

[55] Mr. William Everett presented with much earnestness the need of a new House of Worship in a more favorable location and the suggestion was very well received.

Account of Receipts and Disbursements of Fund for the Poor of First Church and Congregation.

Dr.	Cr.
1864	1864
Apr. 4. To cash paid Mrs. Merrifield (poor) 5.00	Mar. 31. By bal. for account rendered 69.10
Apr. 20. Ditto Rev. Rufus Ellis for poor 200.00	Apr. 1. By dividends from \$9170 par value in Bank Stock 393.60
May 5. Ditto cost of \$10700 par value in Land Bonds of Hanibals and St. Joseph R.R. (with semi- annual coupon, at- tached of and from 1. Oct next) at par, with 70.73 accumulated int. 10770.73	May 5. By proceeds of \$9170 par value in Bank Stock sold at public auction 10706.00
June 28. Ditto Wine for Com. Table 10.25	Oct. 1. By coupon, on \$10700 par H. and St. J. R.R. Bonds. 6 mos. 3½ percent less U. S. tax 355.77
June 28. Ditto Rev. R. E. for distribution 50.00	
July 5. Ditto 50.00	
Sep. 30. Communion Wine 12.00	

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Oct. 24.	Ditto R. E. for distribution	1865	52.13	Jan. 11. Quarterly Charity Lecture 1864	82.35
Nov. 23.	Mrs. Merrifield (Thanksgiving)	5.00			11537.72
Dec. 8.	To R. E. for distribution	50.00			
Dec. 23.	Ditto	100.00			
		1865			
Jan. 31.	Communion Wine	13.25			
Feb. 14.	R. E. for poor	150.00			11606.82
		11468.36			
Mar. 31.	To balance credit new account.	138.46		Mar. 31. Balance brought down	138.46
		\$11606.82			

Boston, March 31, 1865.

George O. Harris,
Deacon of First Church.

April 6, 1866.

The Annual Meeting was called for this evening on account of a press of engagements during the week before Easter. There were present Messrs. T. B. Wales, John Collamore, N. Thayer, P. C. Brooks, J. E. Piper, George O. Shattuck, George Fowle, S. L. Abbot, D. W. Salisbury, H. B. Rice, James Bracken, and Otto Cuntz. The Deacon read the Report of the Receipts and Expenditures of the past year and it was [56] accepted and ordered to be placed on file. It was then unanimously Resolved That the members of First Church have heard with regret that our worthy Deacon and esteemed friend George O. Harris has left our City and that, for the present at least we shall be obliged to dispense with his valued services. We would put on record our high appreciation of his character and work, and would add an expression of our desire that he would retain, so far as may be convenient to him, his connexion with our Church. Our best wishes and prayers go with him for an absence which we hope will only be for a season. The Pastor then proposed a Committee to nominate Deacons subject to the vote of the Church. This Committee consisted of Messrs. Shattuck and Abbot and conferring with the Pastor and with one and another named below they reported to the Meeting and found acceptance for the following proposition, that Three of the Communicants in the subjoined list, and in the order as here set down, be requested to serve at the Table on Communion Days and that Mr. Collamore be asked to serve us as soon as he shall be able in the office of Deacon so far as relates to the care of our Church funds, it being hoped that Mr. Harris meanwhile will kindly retain this trust.

James B. Richardson	John Collamore
Dr. S. L. Abbot	J. Ellery Piper
D. Waldo Salisbury	George O. Shattuck

[57] Account of Receipts and Disbursements of Fund for poor of First Church and Congregation.

Dr.		Cr.
1865		
June 3. Communion Wine	12.00	Mar. 31. Balance from last
July 6. Miss Bolter	10.00	account
Aug. 1. Ditto	10.00	Apr. 1. Coupons collected
Sep. 1. Ditto	20.00	on \$10700 par
Oct. 2. Ditto	10.00	value in bonds
Nov. 4. Communion Wine	12.00	of H. and St.
1866		Jos. R.R. Com-
Jan. Quarterly Charity		pany 6 mo. int.
Lecture	110.50	3½ percent less
Mar. 31. Money by hands of		Government tax
Pastor to the		5 percent
poor of Church		355.77
and Congregation	483.55	Ditto as above
Mar. 31. Balance to credit		355.77
in New Account	300.00	
1866		
Jan. Quarterly Charity		
Lect. 1865	110.50	
Mar. 31. Balance of account		
for int. on fund		
for pious uses	7.55	
1866		
Mar. 31. By balance brought		
down	\$300.00	
E. E. Geo. O. Harris, Deacon of		
First Church, Mar. 31, 1866.		

June 9, 1867.

In the hope of securing a more general attendance and that of both sexes, the Pastor called the meeting of communicants this year on a Lord's Day after the morning service, and his course was sanctioned by vote of the Church at the time of the meeting, so that the coming together of which this is the record is to be regarded as the proper annual Church assembling. The Pastor presented the annual financial statement of the Deacon and informed the communicants of the disposition made of the Trust Moneys

of the Church, including those appropriated by the testaments of the donors to the Education of students at Cambridge University and those designed for the relief of the poor of the Church and Congregation. He also made known to the meeting that the sum of five hundred (500) dollars had been put into his hands by the Executor of the late Miss Mary Caroline Tileston, a communicant member of the Church to be appropriated at his discretion in our Church charities. The Deacon's statement will be found on the following page.

[58] Account of Receipts and Disbursements of funds of First Church.

Dr.		1866	Cr.
1867			
Mar. 31. To cash distribution by Pastor to poor of Church and Congregation, viz. 1866		Mar. 31. By Balance on hand as by account at last annual meeting	300.00
July 9. \$200 Dec. 20. \$250		Apr. 1. Six months int. on par value in	
Sep. 22. \$100 Feb. 6 ⁶⁷ \$100		Bonds of H. and	
Nov. 19. \$100 Mar. 9. \$75		St. Jos. R.R.	
Dec. 1. 87.56 Mar. 28 \$100		Bonds \$10950	
Altogether 1012.56		at 3½ percent	383.25
Mar. 31. To Balance carried to credit in new account 103.18		less U. S. tax 5 percent	19.16 364.09
		Oct. 1. By six months int. collected as above	364.09
		Dec. 1. By receipts from Quarterly Charity Lecture of 1866	87.56
Boston, Mar. 31, 1867.			\$1115.74

George O. Harris
Deacon of the "First Church"

1867.		
Mar. 31. By Balance brought down from old account		\$103.18

On the 17th day of May, 1868 Farewell Services were attended by a large Congregation in our House of Worship on Chauncy St. The Pastor preached from Ps. 26. 8. The Sermon with the Scriptures read during the Service will be printed. Much sensibility was manifested by the worshippers many of whom had not attended at the Church for many years.

On the 17th day of May the Congregation gathered for the first time in our new and beautiful Chapel on Marlboro Street. We conducted our service with the aid of King's Chapel Liturgy which is to be henceforth our Book of Common Prayer. The Text was the Inscription upon the Cloister-approach to the Chapel—"And all thy children shall be taught of the Lord and great shall be the peace of thy children."

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1848.

June 4, James Read and Elizabeth Jones, children of Christopher C. Chadwick and wife.

Nov. 26, Peter Chardon Brooks, son of Charles F. and Abby B. Adams.

Nov. 26, Octavia Gardner and Fanny, daughters of Horace and Octavia Dupee.

Nov. 27, William Austin, son of William W. and Emmeline Wadsworth.

1849.

April 17, Mr. John Turner Welles Sargent.

Nov. 25, Joseph Green son of Joseph H. and Susan Francis.

Nov. 29, Frederic Hammond, son of Samuel H. and Catherine P. Gibbens.

Nov. 29, Alice Howe, daughter of Daniel L. and Eliza Putnam Gibbens.

1850.

May 19, Josephine, Lynde Walter, Ed-

win Buckingham, and Silas Holbrook, the family of Joseph H. Buckingham and his wife.

1851.

June 22, Frank Cushing, son of Daniel B. and Elizabeth J. Newhall.

June 22, William Tilden, son of William L. and Annie T. Clark.

June 22, Isabella McLeod and Annie Loring, of Geo. W. Harmon and wife.

Sept. 28, Charlotte Everett, daughter of Henry A. and Charlotte B. Wise.

Dec. 5, Mrs. Elizabeth Ann Benham.

Dec. 5, Henry McNiel and Elizabeth Maria, children of Henry Washington Benham and Elizabeth Ann, his wife.

1852.

April 19, Mary Sherwin, daughter of Daniel L. Gibbens Jr. and Eliza Putnam, his wife.

July 28, Daniel Harwood, M.D.; with his daughters, Mary Dana, Ellen Win-

ship, and Anne Louisa; and Mr. John Dudley Sargent.
Dec. 26, Langdon Harris, son of James R. and Amelia Langdon Gilmore.
Dec. 26, Abigail Allen and John Win-

throp, children of John Alexander and Harriet M. Harris.
Dec. 26, Cordelia Sheldon, daughter of J. W. Marcy.

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1853.

Jan. 25, Herbert, and Livingston, sons of William W. and Emmeline A. Wadsworth.

1854.

April 24, James Murray, son of James M. and Harriette Howe.

1855.

Feb. 19, Mary Caroline Tileston (adult).

March 25, Arthur Blake, son of R. and G. L. Ellis.

April 5, Maria Louisa wife of John Sewall Hooper and Sewall Henry, their child, Abby Putnam daughter of the late John Hooper and Catherine S. Hooper, also Arthur Hooper son of James Edward and Caroline Burroughs Dodd.

April 11, Edward Everett son of Henry A. and Charlotte B. Wise.

May 19, Jessie Grant daughter of Thomas H. and Elizabeth J. Perkins.

Aug. 31, Belle Fenno and Edward Raymond, with their mother Sarah Augusta Sherburne and on

Sept. 2, Joseph Massey Sherburne, father and husband.

1856.

June 1, Gertrude Langdon daughter of Charles L. and Emmeline G. Hayward.

July 20, Rosanna Merrifield, with her children Otis Everett, Emma Susan, Francis Stephen and Waldo Levi.

Nov. 27, Nathaniel Langdon, son of Ward Brooks and Isannah Josephine Frothingham, by Rev. Dr. Frothingham. June 30, Edward Ellery son of J. Ellery and Sarah Mason Piper.

1858.

Jan. 8, John Welland son of George Baty and Anne Blake born in Boston April 19, 1846, at Karnwood, Brookline.

April 27, Jeannie Harrison and Sarah Abby daughters of James Wilder and Lucy Davis Carter.

May 20, Elizabeth Bradlee daughter of Henry W. and Elizabeth Gair Abbot.

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July 19, Joseph McKean son of William T. and Elizabeth S. Gibbons.

Oct. 2, Melinda Orr and Melinda Jane Norris (adults and married).

Oct. 17, Sarah Hollis, daughter of Bartholomew W. and Susan E. Taggard.

Nov. 14, Henry Gassett, son of Edward R. and Catherine G. Hall.

1859.

May 15, Caroline Augusta Hayden.

May 29, Samuel B. son of Nathaniel Doggett and Caroline his wife.

1860.

Jan. 30, Herbert Otis son of Adams Bailey and Caroline W. Bailey.

March 3, Horace, John and Jane children of John C. and Susan A. B. Hayden.

March 3, Francis Williams and Anna

Deblois children of Henry and Margaret Sargent.
 March 22, Langdon, son of Charles L. and Emmeline G. Hayward.
 May 6, Frances Hitchcock Tilden (adult).
 June 14, Mary infant daughter of Thomas H. and Eliz. J. Perkins.
 June 29, Chas. Howard and Edith Herbert son and daughter of Charles H. and Mary L. Teschemacker Bailey.
 Nov. 4, Alice Greenwood daughter of J. Ellery and Sarah M. Piper.
 Dec. 19, Mary Anne and Helen daughters of C. C. and Fanny C. Paine.

1861.

Jan. 20, Susan daughter of Geo. O. and Emily C. Shattuck.
 Feb. 5, Emily daughter of Andrew and Sarah Ormsby.
 March 3, Eliza Collamore (Adult).
 May 1, Margaret Jane Plummer (Adult).
 May 1, Fanny Sistare daughter of Samuel H. Gookin and Fanny S. his wife.
 May 1, Charles Bailey and Lucy Say children by a former wife.
 Oct. 6, Lucretia Wainwright and Frederic Bradlee children of Henry W. and Elizabeth Gair Abbot.

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1862.

Feb. 23, Henry Son of Bartholomew W. and Susan E. Taggard.
 April 6, Maud Margaret daughter of Robert Nixon and Sarah (?) his wife.
 June 5, Flora Engelbert daughter of Charles H. and Mary Teschemacker Bailey.
 July 9, Edward Brigham, son of Abner B. and Mary Hammond Hardy (at the funeral of the Father).

1863.

Jan. 6, John Hathorne son of John F. and Ellen Hathorne Banchor.
 Jan. 12, Caroline Regina, daughter of Joseph Warren and C. R. Fowle (at the funeral of the mother).

May 17, Charlotte Sullivan, daughter of Edward M. and Julia Elizabeth Dennie (In Church).

May 17, Rufus, son of Rufus and Gertrude L. Ellis (In Church).

June 16, Marianne, Edward Pelham, and Isabelle children of James Edward and Caroline Burroughs Dodd.

June 18, Marianne Josephine daughter of William and Marianne Kerr.

June 21, Charles Huntington and Frank Vernon sons of William A. and Fanny Wright.

Sept. 23, Charles Bates and Florence Adelaide children of John E. and Elizabeth A. Worster (née Bates).

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Nov. 24, Helen Hilger, daughter of Samuel H. Gookin and Fanny S. his wife.
 Nov. 27, George William, son of William T. and Elizabeth S. Gibbons.

1864.

Jan. 12, Alice and Grace, daughter of Sewall Henry and Louisa Greene Fessenden.

March 27, (Easter Sunday in Church) Anna Sprague, daughter of Chas. H. and Eliza H. Frothingham, Horace Gardner son of Dr. Horace and Octavia G. Dupee, Henry and Sarah Wilhelmina, children of Martin and Katherine Oberhauser, and Charlotte of James W. and Mary Anne Bracken.

April 24, Geo. Balmer of George R. and

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Margaret E. Harris.

Nov. 24, (Being Thanksgiving Day was baptized in Church) Marion Sarah of J. Ellery and Sarah M. Piper.
Dec. 13, William James of William and Marianne Kerr.

1865.

April 16, (Easter, in Church) Mabel

Shippie of Edward Augustus May and Frances Dexter Clarke.

April 30, (In Church) Helen Collamore and Mary Tilden Phillips (adults).
May 5, Susan Hammond and 'Hattie' Coffin (adults).

May 21, Elizabeth Cunningham Nixon and Julia Lawrence Jones (adults in Church).

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June 14, Mary Howe of William T. and Eliz. S. Gibbons.
July 26, Henry Belcher of Henry and Adeline Jones Stoddard Callender.
Aug. 4, Sarah Crowninshield of Josiah and Alice Bradlee (At Nahant).
Nov. 9, Edith of Edward R. and Catherine G. Hall.

1866.

June 17, William Sayres and Jesse Lee Reno sons of John and Thressa Eliot (In Church).
June 30, Louisa Otis of Percival L. and E. D. W. Everett.
July 1, (In Church) Charles Augustus of George P. and Lucy S. Wheeler.

July 23, Frederic Josiah of Josiah and Alice Bradlee (at Nahant).

Aug. 5, (In Church) Joseph William of Joseph Anton and Eva Ruggli.

Oct. 13, At Scarsdale, N. Y., Susannah Hinckley of Adams and Caroline W. Bailey.

Oct. 21, (In Church) Albrecht Ernest of Martin and Katherine Oberhauser and James of James U. and Mary Anne Bracken.

Nov. 18, Charles James of John and Hannah Milliken (in Church).

Dec. 25, Daniel of Daniel and Mary Forrest Denny.

Dec. 30, Henry Paul and Lillie Francis of Zephaniah and Eliza F. Talbot.

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1867.

April 21, (Easter) Arthur Willard of J. Ellery and Sarah M. Piper.
April 21, Gertrude Bertha of Paul Edward and Mary Roch.
June 12, Grace Isabel of Joseph H. and Isabel Wales.
June 12, Thomas Beale of Thomas B. Jr. and Anna Wales.
Nov. 10, (In Church) Frederick L. of Frederick L. and Jane Schlicht.

1868.

Jan. 5, (In Church) Martha Josephine White Lord.
Feb. 23, Ida Theresa and Amelia Sophia of Edward and Dorothea Schwartz-

mann. Edward dead (In Church).

March 26, (At their mother's funeral) Nina Arietta, William Hussey, Harriet Francis, and George Hills and Victor Eustis, of William H. and Nancy H. Page.

April 12, (Easter—In Church) Thomas Bethel of John and Susan McAuliff; — of Palus and Lucetta Killian.

May 16, Samuel Scarborough of S. H. and Fanny S. Gookin.

Aug. 22, Annie Balch of Robert T. and Elizabeth T. Edes (at Hingham).

Nov. 4, Anna Vincent of James D. and Anna M. Whelpley and Mary Taylor and James D. of James D. and Mary L. Whelpley.

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Dec. 3, Arthur Howe of James R. and Dec. 27, Franklin of John F. and Ellen
Helen Walker. H. Banchor.

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John Greenleaf
1763-1848

First Organist of the First Church, *circa* 1786-1815

VOLUME IV
Meetings of Church and Congregation
1786-1815

[1] Boston, July 12, 1786. At a Meeting of the Church and Congregation, Joseph Webb, Moderator.

Voted that this meeting be Adjourned until Monday Next at 11 oClock A.M.

JOSEPH WEBB, Moderator.

Boston, July 17, 1786. At a Meeting of the Church etc. by Adjournment.

Voted that the Standing Committee be five for the Ensuing Year:

Deacon Jacob Williams	Aug 14. Joseph Barrell Esq
Deacon James Thwing	and
Joseph Webb	Mr James Morrill;
Mr Joseph Russell	added to the standing Committee
Dr N W Appleton	

Joseph Webb chosen Treasurer.

Voted that a Committee of three be Appointed to Audit the Treasurer's Accounts:

John Brown Esq
Joseph Barrell Esq
Mr William Smith

Voted that the Reverend Mr John Clark be allowed and paid the sum of Four pounds four shillings per week the Ensuing Year.

Voted that the Reverend Dr Chauncy be allowed and paid eighteen shillings per week.

Voted that the Reverend Mr Clark and the Reverend Dr Chauncy be allowed Twenty Cords of wood Each.

Voted that Matthew James be allowed fifteen pounds per annum as Sexton, and his Pew free from Tax.

Voted that Mr John Greenleaf¹ be allowed and paid the sum of Thirty pounds to this day for past service as Organist.

¹ John Greenleaf (1763-1848) who resided in Quincy; blind from the age of ten. "Mr. Greenleaf was quite proficient in music as an organist and performer on other

*Reconsidered.*² Voted that he be allowed in future Fifty two Dollars per annum from 12 July.

[2] Voted that if Mr Frazier relinquishes the Obligation from Mr Barrell respecting the £20. for the organ, this Society will purchase it.

Voted That the Standing Committee assess the respective pews on the lower floor for that purpose,—Viz. for One hundred pounds if he should so relinquish it.

Voted That the Standing Committee proceed as soon as may be to Complete the repairs and that after it is compleated to lay the Accounts before the Society; and assess the pews.

Voted That Mr William Billings be paid Nine pounds in full.

Voted to Adjourn this Meeting to this day four weeks at 11 oClock A.M.

JOSEPH WEBB, Moderator.

Boston, August 14, 1786. At a Meeting of the Church and Congregation agreeable to Adjournment.

The Committee who waited on Mr Frasier reported that he would relinquish the Obligation by delivering it up to Serve this Church.

Voted that the thanks of this Society be given to Mr Frasier for relinquishment accordingly.

Voted that the Allowance of fifty two Dollars per Annum to Mr John Greenleaf be reconsidered and that he be allowed Thirty pounds per annum.

Voted that the Cellar Doors in front be made upright.

Voted that instead of the Cornish and Modillions being fixt round the Meeting house, it be only in the front and End.

Voted that Joseph Barrell Esq and Mr James Morrell be Added to the Standing Committee.

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Voted to Adjourn this Meeting untill Monday next 11 oClock.

JOSEPH WEBB, Moderator.

musical instruments.” Cf. J. E. Greenleaf, *Genealogy of Greenleaf Family* (Boston, 1896), pp. 100–101.

² Brought in from margin.

Boston, August 21, 1786. At a Meeting of the Church etc. agreeable to Adjournment, and Voted to Dissolve this meeting.

JOSEPH WEBB, Moderator.

Boston, February 11, 1787.

Whereas it has pleased the Supreme Disposer of all Events to remove by Death our late venerable and Beloved Pastor the Reverend Dr Charles Chauncy³ the Church and Congregation met after Divine Service, this Day, and unanimously Voted that the Corpse of our late Reverend Pastor be brought into the Meeting House on Thursday next and that the Standing Committee wait on the Reverend Mr Clark and request him to preach a Sermon on this mournful occasion, and that the Reverend Mr Thacher be requested to make a Prayer.

Voted that the Expences of the Funeral be defreyed by the Society.

JACOB WILLIAMS, Moderator.

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[5] At a Meeting of the Members of the First Church of Christ in Boston, April 16, 1787.

Voted—unanimously, that the estate, now occupied by the Pastor, be sold.

Voted unanimously that Deacon James Thwing be impowered to make the sale.

Voted unanimously that the money be applied towards discharging the debts already incurred by the society worshipping in the First Church.

Voted unanimously that the standing Committee of the Society be desired to assist Deacon Thwing in the sale of the estate, and the application of the money.

Attest JOHN CLARKE, Moderator.

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³ Dr. Chauncy died February 10, 1787, having been minister of the First Church sixty years.

[6] At a Meeting of the Society, April 22, 1787. The following Letter was read:

Lord's Day Morning, April 22, 1787.

Reverend Sir

By the dreadful fire which took place, in this part of the town, the Evening before last,⁴ many of the Inhabitants are reduced to the utmost distress; being deprived not only, of their habitations, but of every Necessary for the support of Life and without immediate assistance, must perish.

We therefore in their behalf earnestly request, that you would propose a collection in your society, for their Relief, to be distributed, in such manner, as your Society shall think best, and are, Sir, with great respect.

Your's EBENEZER WIGHT
CALEB DAVIS
THOMAS BAYLEY
WILLIAM BROWN.

Reverend Mr Clarke

Deacon James Thwing was selected Moderator—Upon motion, Voted That there be a Contribution on the next Lord's Day in the Afternoon, for the relief of those of our Fellow Citizens who are Sufferers by the dreadful fire, which happened at the South part of this town on the night of 20th instant and that all the unmarked Money be appropriated for that purpose.

[7] Boston, July 10, 1787. At a Meeting of the Church and Congregation, John Brown, Esquire, Moderator.

Voted That the Standing Committee be Five for the Ensuing year, viz.

Mr Joseph Russell	Deacon Jacob Williams
Joseph Barrell, Esquire	Mr James Morrill
Deacon James Thwing	

Voted David Tilden Esquire be Treasurer.

Voted That Mr William Smith

Dr Appleton

Honorable Robert T Paine Esquire be a Committee to audit the Treasurers Accompts.

⁴ According to a memorandum of Jeremy Belknap, the Selectmen estimated the loss as follows: "56 dwelling houses, 13 stores, 1 meeting-house [Hollis Street], 8 barns, 86 families burnt out; loss of property in round numbers £20,000." No lives were lost. For a map of the area, see letter of Belknap to Hazard, April 23, 1787 (Belknap Papers I. 469-473).

Voted That the Salary of our Reverend Pastor be Four Pounds four Shillings per week the year ensuing.

Voted That the Reverend Mr Clarke be allowed Twenty Cords of Wood for the year ensuing.

Voted That Mr John Greenleaf be allowed the Sum of Thirty Pounds as Organist for the year ensuing.

Voted That the Sum of One Pound four shillings be allowed Mr James for his attendance on the Organist finding Fuel, etc.

Voted That the Standing Committee be directed to reduce the Tax on the Pews Twenty five per Cent, and that the same Committee be enjoined to take particular care that all the Holders of Pews comply with the Conditions of their Deed.

Voted That the Thanks of the Society be given to Deacon James Thwing for his faithful Services for many years past.

Voted That Mr James Morrill receive the Contribution and pay the Reverend Mr Clarke, etc. keeping a Record of the same.

[8] Voted That the Standing Committee be authorized to dispose of a piece of Land adjoining and bordering on Land improved by Mr Frederick William Geyer, provided they do not interfere with the Right of the Church in said Land—and that they appropriate part of the Money in repairing the Fences of Mr Clarke.

Voted That Mr James be allowed the Sum of Fifteen Pounds for his Services as Sexton the year ensuing, and that his Pew be free from Tax.

JOHN BROWNE, Moderator.

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[9] At a Meeting of the Church and Congregation this 8th day of July 1788, Joseph Russell, Moderator.

Voted That the Standing Committee be Five for the Ensuing Year, and the following Persons were chosen viz.

Deacon Jacob Williams
Joseph Barrel Esquire
Mr David Tilden

Mr William Morril
Mr William Smith

Voted David Tilden Esquire, Treasurer.

Voted that the Salary of the Reverend Mr John Clarke, our very worthy Pastor, be Four Pounds four shillings per week.

Voted that the Reverend Mr Clarke, be allowed Twenty Cords of Wood for the year ensuing.

Voted that the Sum of Thirty Pounds be allowed Mr John Greenleaf, as Organist for the year ensuing.

Voted That the Sum of One Pound four shillings be allowed Mr James for his attendance on the Organist, finding Fuel, etc. . . .

Voted that the Report of the Committee on the late Treasurer Account be accepted.

Voted that one more Gentleman be added to the Committee and Mr James Morril was chosen.

Voted that Mr James Morril receive the Contributions and pay the Reverend Mr Clarke his Salary, etc. keeping a Record of the same.

[10] Voted that the Sum of Fifteen Pounds be allowed Mr James for his Services as Sexton of the First Church for the year ensuing.

JOSEPH RUSSELL, Moderator.

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[11] At a Meeting of the Society of the First Church Lords day Evening after Divine Service, July 20, 1788, Joseph Barrell, Mordirator.

Voted Unanimously that the Sum of One hundred pounds be Assesed on the pews in just proportions; to discharge the Debts due from the Society, and that the Committee be requested, to furnish the Pew holders, with the sum assesed on the pews and to request them to pay it; on the next Lords day after they recive it and that it is expected no one will exceed the term of four months, before they make payment.

JOSEPH BARRELL, Mordirator.

[12] At a Meeting of the First Church and Congregation in Boston this 7th day of July, A.D. 1789, Joseph Russell, Moderator.

Voted that the standing Committee be Five for the year ensuing.

Voted that the following Gentlemen be the Committee. Viz.

The Honorable Benjamin Austin junior

Mr James Morrill

Dr Nathaniel W Appleton

Joseph Barrell Esquire

William Smith Esquire

Voted that David Tilden Esquire be Treasurer for the year ensuing.

Voted that the Salary of the Reverend John Clarke our very worthy pastor be Four Pounds, four shillings per week for the year ensuing.

Voted that a Committee of three Gentlemen be appointed to survey the Reverend Mr Clarke's house, and to ascertain whether it would be for the interest of the Society to make some suitable repairs, and to report their opinion to the society at an adjournment.

Voted that the following persons be the Committee. Viz.

Deacon James Thwing

Honorable Robert T Paine

Ezekiel Price Esquire

Voted that the Reverend Mr Clarke be allowed Twenty Cords of wood for the year ensuing.

Voted that the sum of Thirty Pounds be allowed Mr John Greenleaf as Organist for the year ensuing.

[13] Voted that the sum of £1.4.—be allowed Mr James for his attendance on the Organist etc.

Voted that Mr James Morrill receive the contributions, and pay the Reverend Mr Clarke his Salary, he keeping a record of the same.

Voted that the sum of £15 be allowed Mr James for his services as Sexton of the First Church for the year ensuing.

Voted that the Honorable Benjamin Austin Esquire—and Mr Samuel Torrey be a Committee to wait on the several persons who are in arrears to the Society, and to make use of all possible means in their powers, to persuade them to make payment.

Voted that the meeting be adjourned to Monday the 20th of this instant July at 4 O'Clock P.M.

JOSEPH RUSSELL, Moderator.

At a Meeting of the First Church and Congregation in Boston July 20, 1789, by Adjournment.

Voted that Mr Samuel Torrey be excused, by his particular request from his attendance in collecting the arrearages due to the Society.

Voted that the addition of Two be added, and Dr Nathaniel W Appleton, and Major Samuel Cabot were chosen to collect the Arrearages due to the Society.

Voted that on account of the small number who have attended, this meeting be further adjourned to the next Lord's day, after service in the afternoon; and that the Reverend Mr Clarke be desired to injoin upon all to give their attendance as matters of consequence are then to come under Consideration.

JOSEPH RUSSEL, Moderator.

[14] Lord's Day, July 26, 1789.

The First Church and Congregation met agreeable to Adjournment, but there not being so full a meeting as was expected, it was voted that the Meeting be further adjourned to the next Lord's day, after service in the Afternoon, and that written Notifications be sent to every proprietor of Pews, injoining their punctual attendance at that time.

JOSEPH RUSSELL, Moderator.

Lord's Day, August 2, 1789.

The First Church and Congregation met according to Adjournment, and entered immediately into the consideration of the expediency of repairing the dwelling house of our Reverend Pastor, and after a lengthy debate on the ways and means of the payment of the expence it was Voted that the sum of One hundred pounds Lawful Money be raised for the sole purpose of repairing the house of the Reverend Mr Clarke to be assessed on the pews.

And whereas some persons in the Society have expressed an uneasiness at the mode made use of at the last annual meeting, in the choice of the standing Committee, urging the impropriety of choosing by nomination, alledging that such Committees ought always to be chosen by Ballot, whereupon to remove the difficulty complained of the standing Committee unanimously requested leave to resign their office which was accepted.

On a motion of Mr Jame [sic] Lamb, seconded by Mr Israel Loring to remove the Organ from the Society by making sale thereof, and after a debate had thereon the motion was negatived 33 against it, and only 3 for it.

[15] Voted that this Society will choose a Standing Committee by Ballot the next Lord's day immediately after divine service in the afternoon, and that this meeting be adjourned to that time.

JOSEPH RUSSELL, Moderator.

Lord's day, August 9, 1789.

The First Church and Congregation met agreeable to adjournment, and made choice of the following Gentlemen, by Ballot, as the standing Committee for the year ensuing. Viz.

Mr James Morrell

William Smith

Doctor Appleton

Samuel Cabot

Honorable Benjamin Austin Junior

Voted that three Gentlemen be appointed as a Committee to carry into effect the repairs of the Reverend Mr Clarke's house: and to see that the monies raised for that purpose be laid out in the best manner for the interest of the society. Whereupon the following gentlemen were chosen Viz.

Deacon James Thwing

David Tilden

Ezekiel Price Esquire

Whereas many of the Pewholders of the first church are greatly deficient in the payment of their assessments, and weekly contribution, by reason whereof the Society is unable to discharge its just debts, therefore, Voted that the standing Committee be empowered and directed to see that the terms on which the proprietors hold their pews be strictly complied with, taking care that those persons [16] who are by the providence of God so reduced in their circumstances as disenable them for the payment of any taxes, be provided with such seats as the Committee shall think suitable and proper.

Voted that this meeting be adjourned to this day four weeks, immediately after the divine service in the Afternoon.

JOSEPH RUSSELL, Moderator.

Lord's Day, September 6, 1789.

The First Church and Congregation met agreeable to their adjournment, when the Committee appointed to contract for repairing the Reverend Mr Clarke's house made a verbal report, that they had agreed with a Carpenter and Glazier for the amount of their work and materials, but as it was uncertain how much painting would be wanted they could not ascertain the precise bill.

A motion was made and seconded, that the standing Committee be directed to issue notifications to those persons who had not paid in the sums they were assessed for the repairs of the Reverend Mr Clarke's house, to desire them to pay it in forthwith, as the money was wanted immediately

to defray the expences, and that the names of those who were delinquent be laid before the society at their next meeting.

Voted that this meeting be adjourned to this day 4 weeks, after divine service in the afternoon.

JOSEPH RUSSELL, Moderator.

[17] Lord's day, November 8, 1789. The First Church and Congregation met agreeably to their adjournment, David Tilden, Moderator.

Voted that the Standing Committee be desired to try to hire the money that falls short of the £100 voted to be raised for the repairs of the house in which the Reverend Mr Clarke now lives, supposed to be about £20.

Voted to adjourn to the 22 January—after divine service.

At a Meeting of the First Church and Congregation in Boston, July 6, 1790, Benjamin Austin, Moderator.

Voted that the Standing Committee for the year ensuing consist of 5. The Votes being collected, the following persons were chosen. Viz.

Deacon James Morrell

Samuel Cabot

Dr Nathaniel W Appleton

Benjamin Austin junior

William Smith

Voted that David Tilden be treasurer for the year ensuing.

Voted that the Salary of the Reverend John Clarke, our very worthy pastor, be four pounds, four shillings per Week for the year ensuing, and twenty Cords wood for the year.

[18] Voted that the sum of £30 be allowed Mr Greenleaf as Organist for the year ensuing.

Voted that the sum of £15 be allowed Mr Lemuel Ludden for his services as Sexton for the year ensuing.

Voted that the Standing Committee be directed to consider the demand of Mrs Browne, respecting the vote passed by the Society Feb. 12, 1785,⁵ and to act thereon as to them may appear proper.

Voted that the meeting be adjourned to the next Lord's day after divine Service in the Afternoon.

BENJAMIN AUSTIN JUNIOR, Moderator.

⁵ The records do not indicate any meeting of the Society on this date.

July 11, 1790. At a meeting of the First Church and Congregation agreeably to Adjournment.

Voted that the Standing Committee be directed to request such persons as are delinquent in the payment of their taxes, assessments etc. immediately to discharge the same: And unless such arrears be discharged within Two months after application, the Committee to take possession of the pews, and to proceed agreeably to the tenour of the deeds.

B AUSTIN, Moderator.

At a Meeting of the First Church and Congregation, in Boston, December 19, 1790.

Voted that this Society have a Stove in the Meeting house for the more comfortable accommodation of the worshippers.

Voted that the Standing Committee be desired to obtain Subscriptions for the above purpose, and to fix the Stove in such place in the house as they shall judge convenient.

J MORRELL, Moderator.

[19] At a Meeting of the Society of the First Church July 10, A.D. 1791.

Voted that the standing Committee consist of Five. The following Gentlemen chosen. (Viz.)

Deacon James Morrill	Doctor N W Appleton
The Honorable Benjamin Austin junior	Major Samuel Cabot
Mr William Smith	

Voted that Deacon Tilden be treasurer for the year ensuing.

Voted that the Salary of the Reverend John Clarke be £4.4.0 per week for the year ensuing.

Voted that he be allowed 20 Cords of Wood.

Voted that the Organist be allowed £30.0.0 for the year ensuing.

Voted that Mr Ludden be allowed £15.0.0. for the year ensuing.

Voted that the standing Committee be directed to send the Sexton, weekly, to those who are delinquent in the payment of their assessments, etc. to request them to discharge their arrearages, as soon as possible, to enable the Committee to pay the debts of the Society.

Voted that the meeting be dissolved.

BENJAMIN AUSTIN JUNIOR, Moderator.

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[20] At a Meeting of the Society of the First Church July 3, 1792. Ezekiel Price was chosen Moderator.

Voted that this meeting be adjourned to Monday next at 5 o'Clock P.M. At the adjournment of the meeting July 9, 1792, Voted that the standing committee consist of Five. The following gentlemen were chosen. Viz.

Deacon James Morrell	Doctor N W Appleton
Honorable Benjamin Austin junior	Major Samuel Cabot
Mr William Smith	

Voted that Deacon Tilden be Treasurer for the year ensuing.

Voted that the Salary of the Reverend Mr Clarke be Four Pounds, 4/ per Week, for the year ensuing.

Voted that he be allowed 20 Cords of Wood.

Voted that the Organist be allowed 30 Pounds for the year ensuing.

Voted that the Sexton be allowed £15.0.0.

Voted that the standing committee be directed to send the Sexton, as often as they think proper, to those who are delinquent in the payment of their assessments, and to request them to discharge their arrearages as soon as possible, to enable the committee to pay the debts of the society.

Voted that the standing committee be directed to employ, at the expence of this Society, Council learned in the law, to defend a suit in ejectment, brought by Joseph Greenleaf Esquire against Messrs Williams and Cheever, of a Pew, No. 48 sold them by the Treasurer of this church.

Voted that this meeting be dissolved.

(Signed) EZEKIEL PRICE, Moderator.

[21] At a Meeting of the Society of the First Church, July 2, 1793. Samuel Bradford was chosen Moderator.

Voted that Deacon James Morrill, The Honorable Benjamin Austin junior, Mr William Smith, Dr N W Appleton, and Mr John Joy be the Standing Committee for the year ensuing.

Voted That Deacon David Tilden be Treasurer.

Voted That the Salary of the Reverend Mr Clarke be Four Pounds, Four Shillings per Week, for the year ensuing; and that he be allowed 20 Cords of Wood.

Voted That the Sexton be allowed £15.0.0.

Voted That the Organist be allowed £30.0.0.

Voted That the Standing Committee employ at the expence of this Society Counsel learned in the Law to defend a new suit brought by Joseph Greenleaf Esquire against Messrs Williams and Cheever, owners of a Pew. No. 48 sold them by the Treasurer of this Church.

Voted That Notifications be issued to the Society, purporting a Proposition, to add the Interest of the Costs of the Pews on the Weekly Tax of those Pews, which are not improved by proprietors of Pews in said Church. To be taken into consideration at the adjournment.

Voted That the meeting of this Society be adjourned to Monday 15th instant at 5 o'Clock. P.M.

Adjourned accordingly,
(Signed) SAMUEL BRADFORD, Moderator.

At the Meeting by Adjournment, July 15, 1793.

The question, "Whether persons hiring pews of the Society should be required to pay the Interest on the value of said pews, in addition to the weekly Tax," having been under consideration, Voted that said question subside.

Voted That the standing Committee be directed in future, to increase the present Weekly Tax on persons, who shall hire pews of the Society, as may comport with its true Interest.

Voted That the Meeting be dissolved.

(Signed) SAMUEL BRADFORD, Moderator.

[22] July 8, 1794. At a Meeting of the Society of the First Church, David Tilden was chosen Moderator.

Voted to adjourn to Monday Next, then to meet at the Meeting-house, at 5 o'Clock. P.M.

July 14. Met agreeably to adjournment.

Voted that the Standing Committee consist of Five. Viz.

David Tilden	Nathaniel Fellows
James Morrill	Samuel Clap
William Smith	

Voted that David Tilden be Treasurer for the year ensuing.

Voted that the Salary of the Reverend Mr Clarke be Four Pounds Four Shillings, for the year ensuing.

Voted that he be allowed Thirty Cords of Wood for the year ensuing.

Voted that the Organist be allowed Thirty Pounds for the year ensuing.

Voted that the Sexton be allowed Eighteen Pounds for the year ensuing, which is to be considered in full for his whole service.

Voted that the Sexton be allowed Three Pounds per year, for the Two years last past for his extra service.

[23] July 7, 1795. At a Meeting of the First Church and Congregation in Boston, William Little was chosen Moderator.

Voted that the Standing Committee be requested to notify the Society by a written notification, that this meeting is adjourned to Monday, 13 Instant at 5 o'Clock P.M. then to meeting at the meeting house; and to request a general attendance as business of consequence is to be transacted.

Voted that this meeting be adjourned accordingly.

July 13. Met according to adjournment.

Voted that the Standing Committee consist of six for the year ensuing. (Viz) David Tilden, James Morrill, William Smith, Nathaniel Fellows, Jonathan L Austin, William Little.

Voted that the Reverend Mr Clarke's Salary be fourteen Dollars per Sabbath for the year ensuing: and that Twenty Cords of wood be allowed him.

Voted that a grant be made to the Reverend Mr Clarke in addition to his Salary for the year ensuing, of the sum of Seventy Five Pounds, on account of the high and advanced price of the various articles of living.

Voted that the Organist's Salary, for the year ensuing, be Thirty Pounds, and that a grant be made him of Thirty Dollars, on account of the high price of the articles of living.

Voted that the Salary of the Sexton be Eighteen Pounds and that a grant be made of Five Pounds for the above reason.

Voted that the Standing Committee be desired to assess the Pews in proportion to the present weekly taxes to raise the additional grant of Eighty Nine Pounds, and request them to subscribe their names to pay the same when it is most convenient, or when the Committee shall call on them.

(Signed) WILLIAM LITTLE.

[24] At a Meeting of the First Church and Congregation in Boston, July 5, 1796, David Tilden, Moderator.

Voted to adjourn to Monday, 11th July, then to meet at the meeting-

house, at 5 o'clock, P.M. and that the same be notified to each member of the Society, by the standing Committee.

July 11, 1796. Met according to adjournment.

Voted that David Tilden, James Morrill, William Smith, Nathaniel Fellows, Jonathan L Austin and William Little, be the standing committee for this year.

Voted that David Tilden be Treasurer.

Voted that the Reverend Mr Clarke's Salary be Fourteen Dollars per Sabbath for the year ensuing; and that Twenty Cords of wood be allowed him.

Voted that a grant be made the Reverend Mr Clarke in addition to his Salary for the year ensuing of the sum of Three Hundred Dollars, on account of the high and advanced price of provisions, and other articles of living.

Voted that the Organist's Salary for the year ensuing be one Hundred Dollars, and that a grant be made him of Forty Dollars, on account of the high price of the articles of living.

Voted that the Salary of the Sexton be Sixty Dollars; and that a grant be made him of Twenty five Dollars for the year ensuing.

[25] Voted that the standing Committee be desired to assess the Pews in proportion to the present weekly taxes, to raise the additional grant of Three Hundred and Sixty five Dollars; and request them to subscribe their names, and pay their respective sums to the Committee, when called for.

At a meeting of the First Church and Congregation in Boston, July 11, 1797, James Morrill, Moderator.

Voted that David Tilden, James Morrill, William Smith, Nathaniel Fellows, Jonathan L Austin, William Little—be the Standing Committee for the Year.

Voted that David Tilden be treasurer.

Voted that the Reverend Dr Clarke's Salary be fourteen Dollars per Sabbath for the year ensuing: and that twenty Cords of Wood be allowed him.

Voted that a grant be made to the Reverend Dr Clarke for the year ensuing, of the Sum of Three Hundred Dollars, on account of the high price of provisions, and other articles of living.

Voted that the Organist's Salary for the year ensuing, be One Hundred Dollars, and that a grant be made him of forty Dollars, on account of the high price of provisions.

Voted that the salary of the Sexton be Sixty Dollars, and that a grant be made him of twenty five dollars, for the year ensuing.

Voted that the standing committee be desired to assess the pews in proportion to the present weekly taxes to raise the additional grant of Three Hundred and Sixty five Dollars, and request them to subscribe their [26] names, and pay their respective sums to the Committee when called for.

(Signed) JAMES MORRILL, Moderator.

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[27] At a Meeting of the First Church in Boston April 2, 1798, David Tilden, Moderator.

On the afternoon of Sunday, April 1, 1798, The Reverend Dr Clarke was delivering a most excellent Discourse from 22 Psalm 3 Verse, "But thou art holy, O thou that inhabitest the Praises of Israel."

He was entering on the improvement of his subject by urging his hearers "to be holy in all manner of Conversation," to be pure in heart and to lead Virtuous and Holy Lives, when he was suddenly seized with an Apoplexy and fell backward in the Pulpit, he revived a little, but could only say, "my Friends," when he sunk again. He was conveyed to his own house, soon became insensible, and expired at 3 oClock the next Morning (2d April). Thus died in the 43d year of his age and 20th of Ministry, this Amiable and Excellent Man. In the midst of his usefulness, The Members of the First Church and Congregation in Boston were deprived of their beloved Pastor, each individual of the Society of a most affectionate Friend and the World of one of its brightest Ornaments. In a moment, in the twinkling of an Eye did this "Good Man go to his long Home and the mourners went about the Streets." In consequence of this mournful event, the Members of the Church and Congregation met this day, and Unanimously Voted, That the Corps of our late Reverend and beloved Pastor be brought into the Meeting House on Friday next, that the Standing Committee, wait on the Reverend [28] Dr Thatcher and request him to deliver a Sermon on this mournfull Occasion and that the Reverend Dr Howard be requested to make a Prayer.

Voted that the standing Committee give the necessary directions for the Interment, and that the Expences be defrayed by this Society.

At a Meeting of the First Church and Congregation in Boston, Lords Day Evening immediately after Divine Service, June 10, 1798.

Voted That the Standing Committee assess the several Pews in proportion to their weekly Taxes for a Sum sufficient to pay the Expences of the Interment of our late Pastor the Reverend Dr John Clarke.

Voted That it is the earnest desire of the Church and Congregation to Print a number of the Discourses of our lately deceased and beloved Pastor and that the standing Committee wait on his Widow and request her liberty for the same.

N.B. In consequence of the above Vote the Committee made application to Mrs Clarke and obtained her consent. An Octavo Volume containing Sermons was printed.⁶

[29] At a Meeting of the First Church and Congregation in Boston July 17, 1798, James Morrill, Moderator.

Voted That William Smith, Jonathan L Austin, Daniel D Rogers, John Joy and James Morrill be the Standing Committee for the Year ensuing.

Voted That David Tilden be Treasurer and be considered one of the Committee.

Voted That the Organist's Salary for the Year ensuing be One Hundred Dollars and that a Grant be made him of Forty Dollars on Account of the high Price of Provisions.

Voted That the Salary of the Sexton be Sixty Dollars and that a Grant be made him of Twenty five dollars for the Year ensuing.

[30] At a Meeting of the Society of the First Church in Boston June 11, 1799.

Deacon David Tilden being Moderator of the Meeting, having by the assistance of the Reverend Dr Howard (invited for this purpose) addressed the Throne of Grace and supplicated the Divine Direction in the important business then before them and the subject being considered by a very full Assembly of the Members of the Society, They Unanimously passed the following Vote viz.

⁶ *Sermons* (Boston, 1799). Copy in Boston Athenæum. The selection and editing was under the direction of John Thornton Kirkland.

Inasmuch as it has pleased the Divine Being in his holy and alwise Providence to remove by death the late Reverend Dr John Clarke, the respected and beloved Pastor of this Church and Congregation a considerable part of which were collected and induced to unite with this first Church of Christ in Boston in the bonds of Christian Worship and Affection for the great esteem they had for the Christian Gifts and graces of their late Pastor and the edification they received from his Ministry, And being desirous of Uniting in the choice of some Pastor whose Ministerial Accomplishments may best tend to maintain the same Christian Union and Affection, the Members of this Society have expressed their Opinion that the Reverend William Emerson the present Minister of Harvard in the County of Worcester, has exhibited such specimens of his Christian Ministerial Character, as to render him the object of their Wishes, as their Pastor, if by an Orderly and Christian Application he can be obtained; and as we consider that it is not inconsistant with any Principle or Precept of the Christian Religion, nor with the practice of our Pious Ancestors in their [31] Government of the Churches, that such removal should be made when it appears that the Cause of Religion will be thereby advanced; We therefore hopeing that our Christian Brethren of Harvard will consent to release the Reverend Mr Emerson from his present Ministerial Connections with them and permit him, if he inclines, to become the Minister of this Church and Congregation, do Vote, that it is our intention to invite the said Reverend William Emerson to settle in the Pastoral Character over this Church and Congregation, provided our Brethren of Harvard and Mr Emerson should consent thereto.

Voted also that the Standing Committee Viz. Deacon David Tilden, Deacon James Morrill, John Joy, Jonathan L Austin, William Smith and Daniel D Rogers together with the following Persons, viz. Robert T Payne, Samuel Hall, Benjamin Joy and Samuel Bradford be a Committee to persue such Measures as should be necessary and proper to carry the above vote into execution.

Boston, June 1799.

To the Church and Congregation in Harvard whereof the Reverend William Emerson is Minister.

Brethren

The Society of the first Church in Boston, while enquiring for a Minister to supply the place of their late beloved Pastor, have become acquainted with the Talents of your respected Minister, the Reverend Mr

Emerson; they find them [32] selves so united in their desires to have him removed and settled with them in the Pastoral Office as to supercede all attention to any other person, 'till they shall fail in their Christian Endeavours to obtain him. And accordingly at a general Meeting of the Society, they have passed the enclosed Vote and chosen a Committee to conduct the matter with you.

We hope this will not be considered by you either as illegal or contrary to the order of our Churches in this State. We trust a candid enquiry into this matter will excuse us from any imputation of irregularity in this affair and that you will consider the Cause of Christianity, to be a matter of general concern to all sincere lovers of that blessed religion, and who therefore will wish that all such measures may be taken, as will best serve to promote the influence of it, One of which we take to be, the placing of Ministers in situations where their peculiar talents will be most usefull. The Alarming attacks that are made on our holy religion, by the Learned, the Witty and the Wicked, especially in populous and Sea Port Towns, calls aloud on professing Christians to invite and support in places of the most eminence, such Spiritual Workmen, as are endowed with Talents to convince or confound the Wicked by their arguments and to allure them by their Amiable Behaviour; such a person will do good everywhere, but will he not do most good in a place where, Infidelity and Vice acquire Strength by that Liberty which should only [33] nourish true religion and good Order?

We wish you to comply with our request and to appoint a Committee to confer with us on this matter, that it may be conducted and effected amicably and satisfactorily.

We are with regard to the general cause of Christianity and a Tender Wish for your best Welfare.

Your Brethren and Friends
in the name of the Committee.

Boston, June 1799.

Reverend Mr William Emerson

Reverend Sir

The Society of the first Church in Boston, being deeply afflicted with the loss of their late respected Pastor, have anxiously cast about their attention, for a successor, One in whose abilities, disposition and useful conduct, they could unitedly confide, they have become acquainted with you and find themselves so well satisfied with your character literary and religious, and with your Abilities and disposition, that at a regular meet-

ing they passed the enclosed Vote and have appointed a Committee to conduct the Affair, a Copy of it is to be sent to the Society, of which you are at present the Pastor, with a letter of Address, which we hope will prove efficacious to induce them, at your desire, to dismiss you from the Pastoral Office with them. We please ourselves with the thought that this procedure will be agreeable to you and that you will use your Amicable and Christian Endeavours to procure an orderly dismission [34] from your Pastoral Office at Harvard, that so you may be an unquestionable Object of an Invitation to the same office in the first Church at Boston.

We trust that our motives are Pure, Sincere and Affectionate and that they proceed from a desire to promote the Cause of the Christian Religion by rendering your Abilities, more extencively serviceable in the place to which we wish to introduce you, than can reasonably be expected in the place where you now are.

We are with great Esteem
Your most humble Servants
in the name of the Committee.

P.S. Inclosed is a Letter of Address to the Church and Congregation of Harvard inclosing a Copy of the Votes, which we send to you, We wish you to deliver it, and Also to Correspond with Deacon Tilden on the Subject, as soon as anything occurs worthy of Communication.

Harvard, July 13, 1800.⁷

Brethren

Your letter of 17th Ultimo addressed to the Church and Congregation in Harvard has been communicated to them, and the proceeding thereon, you have in the inclosed Votes.

We sincerely lament with you the Death of the Reverend Dr John Clarke, your late worthy and beloved Pastor. From his general Character, the Christian Religion has lost one of its most able and faithfull Advocates, And at the same time, We cannot help expressing our regret, that an occasion should offer, for coming to a conference with you, for the dismission of the Reverend William Emerson [35] our worthy and beloved Pastor, whose Talents, Fidelity and usefulness in his Ministerial Office and his private life, cannot be too highly appreciated. It is with the utmost concern, we contemplate the Situation of this society, if a removal of their Pastor takes place. You must be sensible that Public Worship and the administration of the Ordinances, regularly attended to, is very precious

⁷ Obviously should read 1799.

to every virtuous and good mind, and from the frequent vacancies, in this Society, of which We have been Witnesses, within a few years past, We fear the Unanimity now subsisting among us, will be lessened.

That there may be circumstances, under which an Ordained Minister may be dismissed from his pastoral Charge and set over another Society, without the imputation of its being irregular, or contrary to the Order of our Churches, we doubt not. Yet We think great caution, ought to be used, in a matter so interesting and important, lest, that instead of promoting and more generally diffusing the benign influence of our holy Religion, We give an opportunity to the Enemy to make his attack, more successfully, and an occasion to the Genuine lover of Christianity to mourn.

We presume that your application for the removal of the Reverend Mr Emerson, proceeds from honest and upright motives, that you have in view his being placed in more easy and comfortable circumstances, and in a situation where his usefulness, will be more in proportion, to his abilities, and thereby the common cause of Religion, Virtue and Morality, may be advanced. But whether his removal can [36] be justified on such principles, we do not undertake to decide. However, from these considerations, and by the desire of Mr Emerson, has this Society, listened to your request so far as to appoint a Committee to confer with you on the Subject and the Committee propose to meet you at the House of Benjamin Kimball, in Harvard on Tuesday, 23d of July instant at 3 oClock P M if convenient for you, if not at any other time you shall appoint.

We are, with sincere wishes for the general promotion of Christian Virtue and Peace.

Your Brethren and Friends
In behalf of the Committee

OLIVER WHITNEY
(Signed) BENJAMIN KIMBALL.

At a Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Harvard, regularly assembled on the 11th of July instant.

After hearing the Communications, from the first Church and Society in Boston, and the doings of the Church in Harvard, on said Communications and taking the same into consideration, Voted to concur with the doings of the Church, and Voted to choose a Committee to Join the Committee, appointed by the Church, to confer with the Committee of the said First Church and Society in Boston, and also with the Reverend

William Emerson on the subject of his being dismissed from his pastoral Charge in Harvard. Viz.

Henry Bromfield Esquire	Committee.
Messrs Israel Whitney	
Isaac Whitney	
Amos Fairbank	
Salmon Whitney	
John Darby	

A True Copy from the Records

Harvard, July 12, 1799. Attest FRANCIS FARR, Town Clerk.

[37] At a Meeting of the First Church and Congregation in Boston on Tuesday the 23d of July 1799 at 5 o Clock P. M., Deacon David Tilden, Moderator.

The Letter from the Committee of the Church of Christ in Harvard under date of 13th July was read, together with the Vote of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the said Town, whereupon it was Voted Unanimously, that the Committee of this Society, chosen for the purpose of Confering with the Committee of the Town of Harvard be directed to proceed on that Business, at the time they have appointed in their Answer, to the foregoing Communications, and they are hereby authorised and empowered to settle and conclude the Business relating to the removal of the Reverend Mr William Emerson from the Pastoral care of the Church in Harvard to that of the First Church in Boston, on such terms as they may judge most for the Interest of this Society and agreeable to those Christian Principles on which they have commenced the conference.

Voted: That the Expences and charges attending this Business be borne by the Society.

[38] Boston, July 23, 1799. At a Meeting of the First Church and Congregation in Boston, Deacon David Tilden, Moderator.

The Following Gentlemen were chosen a Standing Committee for the Year ensuing, Viz.

David Tilden	Daniel D Rogers
James Morrill	Jonathan L Austin and
William Smith	John Joy

Voted That David Tilden be Treasurer.

Voted To give Mr John Greenleaf, our Organist One hundred Dollars for his service for the Year ensuing.

Voted To give Mr John Greenleaf a Grant of Forty dollars. Over and above his Salary for the Year ensuing.

Voted To give our Sexton Mr Ludden a Salary of Sixty dollars for the ensuing Year.

Voted To give Mr Ludden a Grant of Twenty five dollars for the Year ensuing.

Voted That this Meeting be adjourned to Sunday, August 4, 1799.

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Harvard, August 15, 1799.

Deacon David Tilden
chairman of the Committee
of the first Church at Boston.

Dear Sir

By the inclos'd Votes you will find what progress this Society has made, towards the removal of the Reverend William Emerson. It amounts to a dismission if a Compromise takes place in respect to the pecuniary compensation, or, otherwise, if a submission, the Sum determined by referees shall be the Compensation.

The Committee now appointed, as well as the former Committee are anxious, for an Amicable Adjustment, and hope there will not be a necessity of coming to a reference.

The responsible situation in which the Committee is placed, obliges them in this business to have in view the opinion of the Society, and under this impression, they cannot feel themselves justified in proposing to you a less sum than, Thirteen Hundred Dollars, and this to be placed as a Fund, in such way as shall be agreed on. We hope there will be no objection to the Sum, as we think there cannot be a reasonable One, but if there should, We must take the next method pointed out, by the Vote of the Town.

We are with respect your
Humble Servants THOMAS⁸ POLLARD
Chairman of the Committee.

[40] Harvard, August 12, 1799.

The Town being assembled agreeable to adjournment proceeded to Act

⁸ Original letter on file in Church Archives has *Thaddeus*.

further on the second Article in the Warrant, And heard the report of the Committee, appointed to confer with a Committee from the first Church and Society in Boston, who were appointed to see upon what terms the Town of Harvard would dismiss the Rev William Emerson from his pastoral Charge in Harvard, which was as follows, Viz. that they met, according to their appointment and that the Committee from the said first church and society in Boston, came forward, and proposed to give Eight Hundred Dollars, in case the Town of Harvard would dismiss Mr Emerson.

The Vote being tried, to see if the Town would accept the above report, and it passed in the Negative.

Then Voted that there be a Committee chosen by ballot, with full power to agree and determine on the Conditions on which the Reverend William Emerson shall be dismissed, from his Ministerial Office in this place, in either of the following ways. viz, By a Compromise with the Committee of the first Church and Society in Boston, who have come forward for that purpose; And in Case an Amicable Adjustment cannot take place, then to submit the Matter to the determination of Disinterested Referrees mutually chosen by each Party.

Then Voted, and chose Messrs Thaddeus Pollard, Benjamin Kimball, Silas Parkhurst, Isaac Whitney and John Priest, a Committee [41] for the above purpose, and that said Committee make report to the Town, as soon as may be.

Then Voted and dissolved this Meeting.

(Signed) BENJAMIN KIMBALL, Moderator.

A True Copy Attest

FRANCIS FARR. Town Clerk.

Boston, August 26, 1799.

Brethren

Your letter of the 15th instant and the Votes and proceedings of the Town of Harvard enclosed, were duly received and communicated to the first Church and Congregation, but as We never contemplated that pecuniary motives would finally prove the most influential Obstacles on your part to the dismission of the Reverend Mr Emerson, they excite our utmost Surprise and Concern.

We readily grant that our application for the removal of the Reverend William Emerson, from his pastoral Charge, would unavoidably occasion the deepest regret to some worthy Members of his Society. Of course, we were not unmindful, that in a concern so interesting and important

to the cause of Religion, all our enquiries relative to the situation of your Worthy Pastor, as well as any application to you for his removal ought to be conducted with the greatest Prudence and Caution.

Conscious of the purity of our intentions and fully persuaded of this Truth, that, if Union and Harmony in Sentiment and Conduct, (the [42] great Essentials towards forming and perpetuating the happiness of a Minister and his People) do not cordially subsist, the sooner a Separation takes place the better, the first Church and Congregation therefore, being so remarkably united in their choice of Mr Emerson, wished to place him in a Situation, where his usefulness, we trust, will be more extensive, in a situation, which Providence in so signal and to us, in so unexpected a manner appeared to open for his Advancement, and as we hope for the farther Advancement of Virtue and true Religion, this led us to hope and all circumstances considered, fully to expect, that our Brethren of Harvard, especially the friends of Mr Emerson would comply with our request and consent to his removal.

We presume, that it is unnecessary here, to repeat the proceedings of our Society, as a Copy of them was duly forwarded to the Reverend Mr Emerson and with the same frankness and by the same Opportunity another Copy was communicated, in a letter to your Church and Congregation. At the same Meeting it was also voted, that the Sum of £200. which you paid to Mr Emerson as a settlement should be returned, without any consideration, for the time, he had been with you, to this sum the Committee added £40. in lieu of £30. said to be expended at his Ordination and it was then the fixed intentions of our Society to adhere to this Vote, for reasons too delicate to be now particularised. Nevertheless to preserve that Brotherly Love and Affection, which We ardently wish may forever subsist between [43] the two Churches and with a View of terminating this business, speedily, happily and to Mutual Satisfaction, We are now induced to encrease the Sum to One Thousand Dollars, which sum you will consider as our Ultimatum and will not be exceeded and We at the same time decline all interference, in any matters which regard, either the choice of Referees, or of submitting to their decisions, any of the Concerns between us.

We remain with tenderest regard
for your best Welfare
Your sincere Friends
In behalf of the Committee
(Signed) DAVID TILDEN, Chairman.

Mr Thaddeus Pollard and the other Gentlemen of the Committee of the Town of Harvard.

Harvard, September 11, 1799.

To the Committee of the Society
of the first Church in Boston.

Brethren

Your letter of the 26th Ultimo has been received and its contents considered. Your expressions of surprise and concern, that pecuniary motives would prove the most influential obstacles, in the dismission of Mr Emerson does in a Degree alarm us.

You have stated, that £200 was proposed in the first place—why this proposition unless equity require it? admitting then a Sum ought to be given, is it not proper to enquire what that ought to be—and will you not [44] allow us an Interest in the enquiry? We readily acknowledge there is no precedent, by which we can determine the Amount, it is really a novel Question and at present must be a matter of opinion and if in our opinion we have differed from you we do not think we merit the Epithet, “that pecuniary motives would finally prove, the most influential obstacles to the removal of Mr Emerson.” We have endeavoured to be cautious in our proceeding and to avoid every thing, that tended to irritate or provoke the unfriendly Passions, and when we found a separation between Mr Emerson and this Society would take place, we wished to have it done in such a manner as ultimately to be peaceful. If you are right in your observations, “that if union and harmony, in Sentiments and Conduct (the great essentials towards forming and perpetuating the happiness of a Minister and People) do not cordially subsist, the sooner a separation is effected the better.” Yet to effect the separation is a transaction of so much importance even under those circumstances, as to require some consideration, and if we have not proceeded so expeditiously as to gratify your wishes, we feel ourselves justified in going with caution on such untrodden Ground.

You will consider that the situation of the two societies are very different on this occasion, altho' in the course of divine providence you have been deprived of an eminent Minister, you are now happily and with unanimity settling another. We are left destitute. While we were desirous [45] of promoting Mr Emerson's Interest and of complying with his wishes, it was necessary the Society should be reconciled as far as possible to the separation. Conscious we are of having acted conformably to

such views, even when the Committee were determined that the proposition last made, should on their part be the ultimatum, (unless decided by disinterested Men), but, "for reasons too delicate to be now particularised," and with the same ardent wish you express for terminating the business, we agree to accept the Thousand Dollars.

You will find by the enclosed result of Counsil, the proceedings of Mr Emerson and this Church respecting his dismission, which we trust will be considered as regular.

Respecting the payment of the Thousand Dollars we still wish to have it placed as a Fund, for the Establishment of which some one of the Committee will wait on you at Boston within two or three Weeks.

Accept our best wishes for your peace and prosperity and it is our earnest desire and prayer that Mr Emersons life may be long, that unanimity and Love between him and the People of his Charge may uninterruptedly subsist, that his Ministry may be succesful and that he may finally receive the reward of a Good and Faithful Servant of his Lord and Master.

We are with Sentiments of Esteem
Your sincere Friends,

In behalf of the Committee

(Signed) THADDEUS POLLARD Chairman.

[46] We the Elders and Delegates of the Churches in the Following Towns—viz, Shirley, Lunnenburgh, Groton, Pepperell and Lancaster, being convened in Ecclesiastical Councill at Harvard, September 10th, 1799 by letters missive from the Rev William Emerson and the Church under his pastoral care requesting our attendance, inspection, advice and sanction, at the dissolution of his Ministerial relation with them, which he had solicited as early as June last, and to which they had lately consented, for reasons he then offered; after solemn address to God, an attention to the renewal of his desire to be dismissed from his connection with them, as their pastor and to their Vote to dismiss him, unanimously adopted the annexed result.

The reasons assigned, fully justify the measure, both on his and their part—The Church did well, so unanimously to acquiesce in the separation, considering the prospect of his being more eligibly situated as to comfort and usefulness and of the Towns receiving such pecuniary compensation, as would enable them to settle another Christian Minister without distressing the Poor of the Society—The Seperation has taken Place, between the Pastor and Church with mutual tokens of affection and Chris-

tian Charity. Both are in regular standing according to the order of the Congregational Churches.

We most cordially recommend him as a Teacher of the Gospel, whose moral and religious character is fair and whose talents qualify him for distinguished service in the Church of Christ. At the same time it is, we confess with great reluctance, that we contemplate his removal from this vicinity—but we know that personal Attachment, Friendship and Local considerations ought to give [47] place to the general interest of Religion. Our best wishes attend him and our fervent prayer is, that he may have much of the divine presence and blessing, and be more happy and extensively useful than most probably he would have been at Harvard had he continued there.

This Church is now become a Destitute Flock, like Sheep without a Shepherd, after having enjoyed the Watchful care and labors of their late Pastor upwards of Seven Years. In their present situation they are in peculiar danger of being scattered and materially injured in their Spiritual Interest many ways, which, we hope they will duly consider. May they be favored with the alwise and powerful care of the great Shepherd and Bishop of souls. We feel ourselves constrained to suggest to them, the very great importance of taking good heed to themselves, of Watchfulness and Prayer lest they fall into temptation and much evil, of maintaining the Unity of the Spirit in the bond of Peace and of proceeding with all prudent dispatch in resettling the Gospel Ministry among them. They will act wisely, if they take measures to have the desk regularly supplied with candidates of good reputation, until they shall be happily united, in the Election and Settlement of another Pastor. We now ardently commend them to God, and to the Word of his Grace which is able to build them up and to give them an inheritance among them who are sanctified.

DANIEL CHAPLIN, Moderator.

A True Copy

Attest NATHANIEL THAYER scribe.

For the Rev William Emerson.

[48] At a Meeting of the Brethren of the first Church in Boston September 20, 1799, Deacon David Tilden, Moderator.

This meeting being called for the purpose of coming to the Choice of a Minister, to supply the vacancy occasioned by the decease of our beloved Pastor Doctor John Clarke and the importance of the subject having been taken into our most serious consideration, And Whereas at a meeting of

this Church and Congregation, the 11th, June last, We expressed our intention to invite the Reverend William Emerson, Pastor of the Church in Harvard, to settle with us in the Pastoral Character provided our Brethren of Harvard should consent thereto, And whereas by a Letter signed by Mr Thadeus Pollard, in the name and by order of the said Church and Congregation dated 11th September 1799, And directed to the Committee of the first Church and Congregation in Boston, it appears, that upon the Reverend Mr Emersons application to them for a dismission, the Connection between him and them, was, by mutual consent dissolved and that he is dismissed from his pastoral relation to them, which has been confirmed by an Ecclesiastical Council, regularly assembled by their united desire, which appears by their result, dated at Harvard 10th September 1799, and inclosed to us, in the before mentioned Letter whereupon the Church passed the following Votes:

Voted That the said Rev William Emerson be, and he hereby is invited to be our Minister, to Settle with us in the Pastoral Character.

[49] Voted To adjourn to Sunday Evening Next to meet at the Meeting House immediately after divine Service.

Sunday, after the Evening Service September 22, 1799.

The Church being met according to adjournment, and the Congregation being requested to tarry, the Votes passed by the Church 20th instant being laid before them, a Question was put

“Whether the Congregation would assign a time for the Consideration of them,” On which it was voted, “That Tuesday next at 4 O’Clock P M, be assigned for that purpose and that this meeting be adjourned to that time.”

Tuesday, September 24, 1799.

The Church and Congregation being met according to adjournment, a Motion was made and seconded, that the Congregation agree with the Church in their Votes passed the 20th instant, which question being put, it passed in the Affirmative.

Copy

Attest. DAVID TILDEN, Moderator.

At a Meeting of the Church, September 20, 1799, The following Vote was passed and Unanimously concurred in at the Meeting of the Church and Congregation on the 24th September 1799.

Voted That for the Reverend William Emerson’s Encouragement and

Support, he shall receive at the rate of Fourteen Dollars per Week, and also that he be furnished with a Dwelling House for himself and family, and with Twenty Cords of Wood annually.

Attest. DAVID TILDEN, Moderator.

[50] To the Members of the First Church and Congregation in Boston.

Brethren and Friends

Your Committee has this day in an affectionate manner, informed me of your doings as a Church on the 20th and as a Society on the 24th and has left with me a Copy of the Votes which you then passed. I ask you to receive my gratitude for this renewed token of your esteem, and my cordial acceptance of your invitation to become your Christian Minister.

As I am ignorant of the Expences of a Town Life, so it is impossible for me to form a just estimate of the means of my support, which you offer, Your actual experience in this respect, and your established generosity of Character are my security. I feel a certain persuasion, that, if I shall perform the Duties of my profession, with Fidelity, I safely may calculate on a reputable maintainance.

The Union and Moderation at present characteristic of your Society, whilst they testify the beneficent labours of your late worthy and admired pastor, afford a happy presage of your future harmony; May the God of Love and of Peace continue you the object of his smiles and mercifully grant, that We all, having cultivated in this life, that Charity which the Gospel breathes, may hereafter reap its perfect fruits in the Heavenly World.

WILLIAM EMERSON.

Boston, September 25, 1799.

[51] At a Meeting of the Brethren of the First Church in Boston, Sunday after the Morning Service, October 13, 1799.

The Brethren of this Church, having received from the Church in Harvard, a regular dismission of the Reverend William Emerson from that Church, Whereupon it was unanimously Voted, That he be received a Member in full Communion with this Church.

DAVID TILDEN }
JAMES MORRILL } Deacons.

Whereas the First Church and Society in Boston did by their Committee duly authorized for that purpose by their Letter to the Committee of the Congregational Church and Society in Harvard, in the County of Worcester, offer to them the Sum of One Thousand Dollars, in compensation for the settlement given by the same Church and Society, to the Reverend William Emerson, as their Minister and for the expences occasioned by this removal from them to the said First Church in Boston and the said Church and Society in Harvard by their Committee, duly appointed to transact the same Business, having by their letters accepted of the same and also desired that the said Compensation and Donation, should be given in such a manner, as to enure wholly and only to the use of the said Congregational Church and Society in Harvard, And the said First Church and Society in Boston intending that these reasonable desires as expressed, respecting this matter, should be carried into execution, do by their Committee [52] duly appointed to transact the whole matter relative to this composition, freely give and grant to the Inhabitants of the said Town of Harvard in their corporate Capacity, the Sum of One Thousand Dollars, for the sole use and benefit of the Congregational Church and Society in the said Town, whereof the said Reverend William Emerson was late Minister, for and towards the support of the Gospel Ministry in the same Church and Society, to be kept and applied in such manner, as, that the principal sum, may be preserved entire and the Interest of the sum only applied to that use.

The First Church of Christ in Boston to the Church of Christ under the Pastoral Care of the Reverend sendeth, Greeting.

Reverend Honored and Beloved

The Providence of God, Having some time since deprived us of our late worthy and beloved Pastor the Reverend Dr Clarke, and being as we trust, by the same providence, led to the United choice of the Rev William Emerson (whose relation to the Church in Harvard hath been disolved by mutual consent) to succeed him in the Pastoral Charge and Care of this Church and Society, and having appointed Wednesday the 16th October instant as the day of his Installment, we do hereby request your presence and assistance by your Pastor and such messengers as you may think proper to send upon that day [53] to perform such offices of Christian communion and charity as the occasion may require.

Commending you to the divine favor and requesting an Interest in your prayers

We subscribe ourselves your brethren in the Faith and fellowship of the Gospel.

} Committee.

P.S. Your Pastor and Delegates are requested to meet those of the other Churches at the Senate Chamber of the Old State House at One oClock of the day appointed.⁹

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[54] July 10, 1800. At a meeting of the Society of the First Church and Congregation in Boston David Tilden was chosen moderator.

Voted to adjourn to monday next to meet at the meeting House at 3 O'Clock P.M.

July 14, 1800. At the adjournment the following Gentlemen were chosen a standing Committee for the Year ensuing viz.

David Tilden	Jonathan L Austin
James Morrill	John Joy
William Smith	Samuel Bradford
Daniel D Rogers	

Voted that Major David Tilden be Treasurer.

Voted that Mr John Greenleaf the Organist have a Salery of one hundred Dollars for the year ensuing.

Voted that Mr Lemuel Ludden the Saxton have a salery of sixty Dollars for the year ensuing.

Voted that Two hundred and twenty five Dollars be granted to the Rev-
erend Mr Emerson for his services for the last Nine Months.

DAVID TILDEN, Moderator.

[55] Boston, July 14, 1801. At a Meeting of the Members of the First Church and Congregation in Boston, Deacon David Tilden, Moderator.

Voted To Choose a Committee for the Year Ensuing viz.

⁹ The preceding form of letter missive was sent to the various churches which composed the Ecclesiastical Council for Mr. Emerson's settlement.



The Reverend William Emerson

1769-1811

Minister of the First Church, 1799-1811

David Tilden

Jonathan L Austin

James Morrill

John Joy

William Smith

Samuel Bradford

Voted that Deacon David Tilden be Treasurer for the Year ensuing.

Voted that Mr John Greenleaf be the Organist and have a Salery of One Hundred Dollars for the Year ensuing.

Voted that Mr Lemuel Ludden be the sexten and have a salery of Sixty dollars per Annum.

Voted that Three hundred Dollars be granted to the Rev William Emerson for his Services for the last Year, in addition to his Annual Salery.

Voted that Six Cords Wood in Addition to the Twenty Cords allowed him last Year be granted Reverend Mr Emerson for the Year Past.

Voted that a Grant of Forty dollars be allowed Mr John Greenleaf, the Organist in addition to his Salery for the Year past.

Voted that a Grant of Twenty five dollars be allowed Mr Lemuel Ludden the Sexten for his Services the Year Past in addition to his Salery.

Voted The Sum of Five hundred and fifty dollars be [56] raised, by Tax on the Pews, and the Committe are requested to assess the same, to defray the several grants for the year past for the Wood for the Reverend William Emerson for the year ensuing in proportion to their Weekly Taxes.

Voted To dissolve this Meeting.

DAVID TILDEN, Moderator.

At a Meeting of the Brethren of the First Church and Congregation in Boston, Sunday Evening after divine Service.

Voted That this Society will build Nine Pews in the Mens Gallery.

Voted That these Pews be under the direction of the Standing Committee, October 18, 1801.

November 8, 1801. At a Meeting of the First Church and Congregation in Boston, Sunday Evening after Divine Service.

Voted That the Votes passed 18th October be reconsidered.

Voted That One of the side Galleries in the Meeting House (the Choice being left to the Standing Committee) be now appropriated for the building as many New Pews as conveniently may be—that the building these Pews be under the direction of the Committee, and for the accomodation of those who occupy them, that Stairs be built at the Corner of the House, which will be most Convenient.

[57] At a Meeting of the Brethren of the First Church and Congregation in Boston, after divine service, Sunday Evening, July 25, 1802.

The Brethren of the Society were requested to express their Opinions, relating to the Manner in which the Pews Newly erected in the North Gallery should be disposed off—Whereupon Voted Unanimously, That the present Standing Committee be and are hereby instructed and Authorized, to dispose off and sell at Auction on Friday Next the 30th Instant, the said Pews to the best Advantage for the Society.

At a Meeting of the Brethren of the First Church and Congregation in Boston, July 27, 1802, James Morrill, Moderator.

Voted The Standing Committee for the year ensuing be six. The following Gentlemen were chosen:

David Tilden	Jonathan L Austin
James Morrill	John Joy
William Smith	Samuel Bradford

Voted That Deacon David Tilden be Treasurer for the year ensuing.

Voted That Mr John Greenleaf be the Organist and have a salary of One hundred Dollars for the year ensuing.

Voted That Sixty Dollars be Allowed to the Sexton of this society for the coming year.

[58] Voted That three hundred Dollars, be granted to the Reverend William Emerson, for his services for the last year in addition to his Annual salary, also that six Cords Wood in Addition to the Twenty Cords allowed him the last year be now granted him.

Voted That a grant of forty Dollars, be allowed Mr John Greenleaf the organist in addition to his salary for the year past.

Voted The sum of Five Hundred Dollars be raised by tax on the Pews, and the Committee are requested to assess the same, in proportion to their weekly taxes, to defray the grants this day made, and other Necessary expences of this Society.

Voted to dissolve this Meeting.

Fryday, July 30, 1802. Agreeable to the vote of 25th Instant—the Pews in the North Gallery were sold at Auction by Samuel Bradford Esquire Auctionioner.

No 72 sold to Allen Pollock for - - - - - 125 Dollars

73 - - -	J D Bradlee - - - - -	90
74 - - -	D W Bradlee - - - - -	120
75 - - -	John Q Adams Esquire - - - - -	130
76 - - -	Joshua Loring - - - - -	135
77 - - -	James Thwing - - - - -	140
78 - - -	Beza Tucker - - - - -	125
79 - - -	John W Blanchard - - - - -	125
80 - - -	B[enajah] ¹ Brigham - - - - -	90
81 - - -	John West - - - - -	90
82 - - -		
83 - - -	John Fox - - - - -	55
84 - - -	William Stevenson - - - - -	90
85 - - -	John A Parker - - - - -	117
86 - - -	William Lankaster - - - - -	90

[59] January 23, 1803. At a meeting of the first Church or old Brick society so called, David Tilden, moderator.

Voted that the standing committee be agents to petition the General court to repeal an act passed laying a Restriction on the taxing of Pewes in Boston to a sum not exceeding two shillings per week on the highest Pew, or releave them in such other way as they may think best, that the committee may be enabled to assess a legal tax sufficient for their Parocial expences.²

N. B. The standing committee at the same time requested Deacons David Tilden and James Morrill to have their names inserted in the Petition as Agents chosen by the Church and Society, and sign the same, which was done and handed to Honorable John Q Adams senator, to be presented to the General Court.

Attest

DAVID TILDEN, Moderator.

At a meeting of the Brethren of the first Church and Congregation at their meeting house July 11, 1803, David Tilden, Moderator.

Voted that the standing Committee for the ensuing year be Six. The following Gentlemen were chosen Viz.

¹ Benajah, Pew Deed, July 21, 1808.

² An act was finally passed in 1817 allowing proprietors of meetinghouses to regulate their affairs and tax their pews. Cf. Edward Buck, *Massachusetts Ecclesiastical Law* (Boston, 1866), p. 146.

David Tilden	Jonathan L Austin
James Morrill	John Joy
William Smith	Samuel Bradford

[60] July 11, 1803. Proceeding of the meeting brought forward and continued.

Voted that David Tilden be Treasurer for the year ensuing.

Voted that Mr John Greenleaf be Organist with a Sallery of One hundred and forty dollars for the year ensuing and in that proportion for the time he shall serve.

Voted that James Menzie the Sexton have a Sallery of Eighty five dollars for the ensuing year and in that proportion for the time he shall serve.

Voted that three hundred dollars be granted to the Reverend Mr William Emerson for the last year in addition to his Sallery.

Voted that Forty dollars be granted to Mr John Greenleaf the Orginest, for the last year in addition to his.

Voted that James Meinzie the Sexton be paid his proportion (according to the time he has been in Office the past year) of twenty five dollars usually granted the Sexton's.

Voted that the Sallery for the Reverend Mr William Emerson for the year ensuing shall be at the rate of twenty dollars per week and that the allowance of wood for him for the use of his family shall be twenty six cords.

Voted that the sum of Six hundred dollars be raised by tax on the Pewes and the Committee are requested to Assess the same in proportion to their weekly taxes, to defray the grants this day made, and other necessary expence of the society.

[61] July 11, 1803. Proceeding of the meeting brought forward and Continued.

Voted that the standing Committee of the Society settle the weekly assessments to be made upon the Pewes, and report the same at a meeting of the society to be called for the purpose; and that printed notifications be sent to the houses of all the proprietors of Pewes, of the time and object of such meeting.

DAVID TILDEN, Moderator.

Voted at the above mentioned meeting that Messrs John Joy, Samuel Bradford and Daniel Sargent Junior be a Committee to have the inside of

the meetinghouse painted on such condition and at such time as they shall think best.

DAVID TILDEN, Moderator.

At a meeting of the Brethren of the First Church and Congregation at their meeting-house in Boston July 10, 1804, David Tilden, Moderator.

Voted that the standing Committee for the ensuing year be six—the following Gentlemen were chosen. Viz.

David Tilden	}	Committee.
James Morrill		
William Smith		
Jonathan L Austin		
John Joy		
Samuel Bradford		

[62] Proceeding of the meeting July 10, 1804 Continued.

Voted that David Tilden be Treasurer for the year ensuing.

Voted that the Sallery for the Reverend William Emerson for the year ensuing shall be at the rate of twenty Dollars per week and that the allowance of Wood for him for the use of his family shall be twentysix Cords.

Voted that Mr John Greenleaf be Organist with a Sallery of One hundred and forty Dollars for the year ensuing and in that proportion for the time he shall serve.

Voted that [Ebenezer] Clafland be Sexton and that his Sallery be Eighty five Dollars for the year ensuing and in that proportion for time he shall serve.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to monday next at 4 oClock P.M. for the special purpose of considering the expediency of repairing the meeting house and that notifications be posted in the Porch on Sunday next for that purpose and that Mr Emerson be requested to mention it to the Society after divine service.

DAVID TILDEN, Moderator.

[63] At a meeting of the Brethren of the first [Church] and congregation by adjournment Monday, July 16, 1804. Meet according to adjournment.

Voted that the standing Committee Viz. Messrs Tilden, Morrill, Smith,

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J L Austin, Bradford and Joy be a Committee to make all necessary repairs on the Roof and on the outside of the meeting house and lay flagging stone and brick in the street front of the said house.

Voted that Mr William Clough be added to the above Committee and for the above writting' purpose.

Voted that the standing Committee are directed to assess the amount of cost of above repairs on the society, and on each pew in proportion to weekly tax.

Voted to disolve this meeting.

DAVID TILDEN, Moderator.

March 19, 1805. At a meeting of the Committee of the first Church or old Brick society at the house of David Tilden, present David Tilden, James Morrill, John Joy, William Smith and Samuel Bradford.

Voted that the Treasurer give to Mr Benjamin Homer a quit claim deed of Pew Number sixty four in same first Church.

DAVID TILDEN, Moderator.

[64] Boston, July 9, 1805. At the annual meeting of the Brethren of the first Church and Congregation at their meeting house in Boston this day, David Tilden, Moderator.

Voted to chose a standing Committee for the year ensuing, when the following Gentlemen were chosen by ballot—Viz.

David Tilden
James Morrill
John Joy

William Smith
Samuel Bradford
Enoch Huse

Voted that David Tilden be the Treasurer for the ensuing year.

Voted that the Sallery for the Reverend Mr William Emerson be twenty five dollars per week and that he be allowed twenty six Cord wood for the use of his family the ensuing year.

Voted that the Organist Mr John Greenleaf be allowed one hundred and forty dollars per year and in that proportion for the time he may serve.

Voted that Ebenezer Clafoten be the Saxton for the year ensuing with a Sallery of One hundred dollars per year, and in that proportion for the time he may serve.

Voted that the Committee Messrs John Joy, Samuel Bradford and Daniel

Sargent Junior who were Chosen to paint the inside of the meeting house be directed to cause the inside of the same to be whitewashed.

Voted to dissolve the meeting which accordingly was done.

DAVID TILDEN, Moderator.

[65] Boston, September 2, 1805. At a meeting of the Committee of the first Church or old brick Society so called in Boston at their meeting house at 11 Oclock A.M.—present James Morrill, John Joy, Enoch Huse, and David Tilden.

Voted that the Treasurer give a deed of Pew No. 57 to Mr Josiah Bradlee he having bought the said Pew of the heirs of Mr Joseph Morton and the Executor of said Estate having given the Treasurer a release and discharge of said Pew.

DAVID TILDEN, Moderator.

December 15, 1805.

At a meeting of the first Church or Old brick Society at their meeting-house after divine service in the afternoon at the request of Mr Mann, to know if the Society would raise his Sallery as Choirester and singing master from the sum of One hundred and fifty dollars per Year to the sum of two hundred and twenty dollars per Year.

On motion whether we would give Mr Mann two hundred and twenty per Year Sallery.

Voted in the negative.

On Motion whether we would give Mr Mann any more than One Hundred and fifty dollars per year Sallery for the above mentioned services.

Voted in the negative.

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

DAVID TILDEN, Moderator.

[66] Boston, December 31, 1805. At the house of Mr Enoch Huse the Committee of the first Church or Old Brick Society meet; present:

Messrs David Tilden

Samuel Bradford

James Morrill

Enoch Huse

John Joy

Voted that the Treasurer give deeds of Pewes to the persons hereafter named Viz.

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John Joy	Pew No. thirty eight	38
Cornelius Durant	No. forty four	44
Enoch Huse	No. forty seven	47

Voted to disolve the meeting.

DAVID TILDEN, Chairman.

Boston, January 4, 1806. At a meeting of the Committee of the first Church or old Brick Society at the Fire and Marine Office. Present:

David Tilden	William Smith
James Morrill	Samuel Bradford
John Joy	Enoch Huse

Voted to write the following letter to Mr Elias Mann which was accordingly sent him this day by Joseph Hill which was delivered by Hill to Mr Mann.

Boston, January 4, 1806.

Sir—the Committee of the first consider their engagement with you at an end from the 15 December last and are ready to settle with you up to that time—if it is your wish that a new connection should be formed, the Committee will attend to your proposal.

I am in behalf and by order of the Committee Your Humble Servant

DAVID TILDEN.

Attest. David Tilden, Chairman.

[67] Boston, July 8, 1806. At the annual meeting of the Bretheren of the first Church and Congregation at their meeting house this day, David Tilden, Moderator.

Voted to chuse a standing Committe for the ensuing year when the following Gentlemen where chosen Viz.

David Tilden	Committee.
James Morrill	
John Joy	
William Smith	
Samuel Bradford	
Enoch Huse	

Voted that David Tilden be the Treasurer for the year ensuing.

Voted the sallery for the Reverend Mr William Emerson be twenty five dollars per Week and that he be allowed twenty eight cord of wood for the use of his family the ensuing year.

Voted that the Organist Mr John Greenleaf be allowed One hundred and forty dollars Per year and in that proportion for the time he may serve.
Voted that Ebenezer Clafland be the Saxton, and that he be allowed One hundred dollars per Year and in that proportion for the time he may serve.

DAVID TILDEN, Moderator.

September 8, 1806. At a meeting of the Committee of the first Church and Congregation at the store of Deacon James Morrill, this day; present the whole Committee.

Voted that the Treasurer give a deed of Pew No [blank] in the Gallery to Mr David Bradlee Junior provided J Q Adams Esquire relinquish his right and title to the said Pew.

Voted that the Treasurer give a deed of Pew No. 22 to Mr Richardson provided Mr Ozias Morse relinquish his right and title to the said Pew.

DAVID TILDEN, Moderator.

[68] Boston, October 20, 1806. At a meeting of the Committee of the first Church or Old Brick Society at the house of Mr John Joy; present Deacon Morrill, Messrs William Smith, John Joy and David Tilden.

Voted that the Treasurer give deeds of Pewes No 60 to Mr Abraham Gibson and Pew No 14 to Mr Jonathan Howard after the former owners have relinquished the said Pews to the Society.

Voted to adjourn and meet at Deacon James Morrills on the third monday in November next at 6 O'clock P.M.

DAVID TILDEN, Moderator.

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[69] At a legal meeting of the Brethren of the first Church and Congregation at the meeting house Wednesday, January 28, 1807 agreeable to Notification posted January 17, 1807 for the purpose therein mentioned.

Notice—posted as follows.

The Proprietors of Pews in the first Church are notified that a meeting will be held at this place on Wednesday the 28 Current at three

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o'clock P.M. to consider of the expediency of making arrangements for disposing of the societys Land in Summer street.

January 17, 1807. This was posted in the meeting house.

Voted that David Tilden be Moderator of this meeting.

Voted that Messrs P C Brooks, Charles Paine, John Joy, George Blanchard, and James Morrill be a Committee to accept a proposal made by Mr Ebenezer Preble, Viz. to pay to the Society the sum of three thousand dollars for a right of passage to a Court to be opened forty feet wide on the Eastern side of said Societys Land adjoining the Land of said Preble on Summer street.

Voted that David Tilden be added to the Committee.

Voted that this meeting be adjourned to Wednesday the fourth day of February next at three o'clock P M than to meet at this place the meeting was adjourned accordingly.

DAVID TILDEN, Moderator.

[70] Wednesday, February 4, 1807.

Meet according to adjournment at the meeting there being a small number therefore voted to adjourn to Wednesday 11th Instant to 3 O'clock P M. than to meet at this place.

DAVID TILDEN, Moderator.

Wednesday, February 11, 1807.

Meet according to adjournment and voted to adjourn to the first Wednesday in March next that to meet at the Meeting house at 3 O'clock, P.M.

DAVID TILDEN, Moderator.

March 4, 1807. At a meeting of the Bretheren of the first Church and Society in Boston by adjournment.

Members present Messrs George Blanchard, Edward Blake, John Cunningham and James Morrill.

Voted that James Morrill be Moderator—Pro Tempore.

Voted that this meeting be adjourned to Wednesday 11th Instant and that notice be given from the Desk and also that the Society be requested to tarry the next Sunday evening after divine service.

JAMES MORRILL, Moderator.

At a meeting of the Committee of the first Church or Old brick Society so called at Deacon James Morrills store, June 3, 1807.

Voted that the Treasurer give a deed of Pew No 45, to Mr James Phillips; also a deed of Pew No 39, to Mr Charles Barrett; also a deed of Pew No 33, to Mr William Hickling. Committee present Messrs David Tilden, James Morrill, John Joy, Enoch Huse and Samuel Bradford.

DAVID TILDEN, Moderator.

[71] Boston, July 14, 1807. At the anual meeting of the Bretheren of the first Church and Congregation in Boston at there meeting house this day 4 Oclock P.M.

Voted and chose David Tilden, Moderator.

Voted to chuse a standing Committee for the ensuing year when the following Gentlemen were chosen:

David Tilden, James Morrill
John Joy, Wiliam Smith
Samuel Bradford and Enoch Huse } Committee.

Voted that David Tilden be the Treasurer the ensuing year.

Voted that the Sallery for the Reverend Mr William Emerson be twenty five dollars per week and that he be allowed twenty eight Cords wood for the use of his family the ensuing year.

Voted that the Organist Mr John Greenleaf be One hundred and forty dollars per year and in that proportion for the time he may serve.

Voted that Ebenezer Clafland be the Saxton and that he be allowed One hundred and twenty dollars per year and in that proportion for the time he may serve.

Voted that it is expedient for this Church and Society to sell the meeting house they now occupy, and instead thereof to erect a new meeting house, and four dwelling houses, on there land on summer street, under the direction of a Committee to be appointed for that purpose, upon such terms and conditions, as such Committee may deem for the intrest of this Church and Congregation.

[72] Voted that a Committee of Seven be appointed with full power to carry the foregoing Vote into full effect, voted unanimous.

Voted that the Gentlemen hereafter named be the Committee for the above purpose Viz.

David Tilden	Committee.
James Morrill	
Peter C Brooks	
John Joy	
Charles Paine	
George Blanchard	
Samuel Torrey	

Voted to disolve this meeting, which accordingly was done.

DAVID TILDEN, Moderator.

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[73] Wednesday, December 16, 1807. At a meeting of the Committee for building the meeting house and four houses on our land in Summer street, Viz. Messrs Tilden, Morrill, Brooks, Joy, Paine, Blanchard and Torrey, at their old meeting house—on motion that we take into consideration the building of a Steeple on the new meeting house.

After consulting Mr Asher Benjamin our Architect he gave as his opinion that there would be a great risque in building a steeple as the foundation was not properly laid for one, therefore Voted to adhear to the Plan and contract made with Mr Benjamin Joy, and build a Cupola, also.

Voted that Mr Asher Benjamin be appointed and he is hereby appointed to inspect and superintend the building of the Meeting house and four dwelling houses building and to be built, on our land in summer-street for which he is to be allowed for his time and service and for drawing all the drafts and for all the business he has done or may do respecting the meeting house and four houses, the average sum the additional new Pews may sell for in the new meeting house in full for his compensation. N.B. the words (has done) were interlined before signing.

DAVID TILDEN per order.
A BENJAMIN.³

[74] Boston, January 11, 1808. At a meeting of the standing Committee of the first Church or Old Brick society so called at the counting room of Deacon James Morrill. Present:

Deacon David Tilden	Mr Samuel Bradford
Deacon James Morrill	Mr Enoch Huse

³ Signed by Benjamin.

Voted that the Treasurer give deeds of Pew No. 6 To Mr James Thwing,
Pew No. 41 To Mrs Sarah Ellery Sargent, wife of Mr Ignatius Sargent,
Pew No. 42 To Mr Caleb Hayward.

Att. DAVID TILDEN, Moderator.

Boston, March 10, 1808. At a meeting of building Committee of the
first Church at the store of Deacon James Morrill. Present Messrs
David Tilden, James Morrill, John Joy and George Blanchard.

Voted and agreed to sett the front of the four house to be built on Sum-
mer street one foot from the street unanimous.

DAVID TILDEN, Moderator.

March 13, 1808. The building Committee above mentioned met at
the meeting house after divine service P.M. present the whole Com-
mittee Viz. David Tilden, James Morrill, John Joy, Samuel Torrey,
P C Brooks, George Blanchard, Charles Paine.

Voted and agreed to ratify the above vote past the 10 March 1808, unan-
imous.

DAVID TILDEN, Moderator.

[75] Boston, March 27, 1808. The building Committe met at the
meeting house after divine service P.M.—present Messrs D Tilden,
James Morrill, John Joy, Samuel Torrey, P C Brooks and Charles
Paine.

Voted to reconsider the votes past the 10th and 13 March instant.

Voted to sett the front of our four houses to be built on summer street
seven feet back from said street, on condition that Mr Ebenezer Preble
and Mr Samuel P Gardner give an obligation to the first Church and So-
ciety that they or their heirs shall never erect any building, other than
fences, on their lands in said summer street, that shall project notherly or
nearer to summer street than the front of our four houses above men-
tioned and that they the said Preble and Gardner will pay all the extra
expence of digging and filling up the cellar in consequence of our altera-
tion from the plan agreed on the 10 and 13 March instant.

Voted that Mr John Joy and Mr Charles Paine be the committee to pre-
pare the papers for the above purpose and have the same executed—
adjourned.

DAVID TILDEN, Moderator.

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[76] Boston, April, 1807. At a meeting of the building Committee at the Counting room of Mr Samuel Torrey, to take into consideration some hints that was given the Chairman by their superintendant Mr Lanchester, respecting some refuse brick that was sent to be put into the walls of the four houses now building on summer street.

Voted that a letter be written to Benjamin Joy Esquire on the subject of the brick, and other matters that have recently occurred, the chairman was directed to forward the letter which was laid before the committe and accepted, and forwarded the same day a Copy of which is on file.

DAVID TILDEN, Chairman.

Present at this meeting:

David Tilden	George Blanchard
James Morrill	P C Brooks
Samuel Torrey	Charles Paine

At a Meeting of the First Church and Congregation in Boston after Divine Service, May 8, 1808.

It was proposed to the Society for their consideration, wether they would remove the organ now used in our present meeting House, to their new Meeting House now almost finished, and several other matters being proposed for their consideration, Voted to adjourn this Meeting to next Lord's Day May 15th, immediately after Divine Service.

JAMES MORRILL, Moderator.

[77] Boston, May 15, 1808. The Church and Congregation met according to adjournment.

Whereas the Organ now used in this Church is judged too small for the house to which the Society are about to remove—Voted that the standing Committe be authorised to sell the same.

On Motion that the standing Committe be authorised to procure a New Organ for the Church in Summer Street when they shall judge the funds of this Society adequate to that purpose, Voted that the further consideration of this article be postponed for the present.

Voted that a Committe of Six persons be chosen to conduct the singing of this Society in the New Church to which they are shortly to remove.

The following persons were elected:

Messrs James Thwing	Daniel Messenger
Samuel M Thayer	James H Foster
James Phillips	Minot Thayer

Voted that a sum not exceeding three hundred dollars per Annum be at the disposal of said Committee to obtain such assistance as they shall think proper, 'till a New Organ be procured.

Voted that this metting be dissolved.

JAMES MORRILL, Moderator.

[78] Sunday, June 24, 1810. At a meeting of the Committee of the First Church and Society at their Meeting house after divine service; present David Tilden, James Morrill, William Smith and Enoch Huse, the Chairman laid before them the following letter from the Honorable William Gray Lieutenant Governor.

Boston, June 23, 1810.

The Committee who were appointed by His Excellency the Governor and the Honorable Council to procure a house for the performance of divine service on the 4th July agreeable to the resolve of this Commonwealth, after which it is expected an oration will be delivered, have taken the liberty to request the Committee of the First Church the use of their House for the purposes above named.

by order of the Committee

WILLIAM GRAY, Chairman.

David Tilden Esquire

Chairman of the Committee
of the First Church.

Summer Street

Voted unanimously to grant the request in the said letter and directed the Chairman to inform his honor the Lieutenant Governor of the same.

Boston, June 24, 1810.

Sir

I received your note of yesterday requesting, in behalf of His Excellency the Governor and the Honorable Council, the use of the Meeting house belonging to the First Church on the 4th July next for the performance of divine service after which you expect an Oration will be delivered. I have laid the same before the Committee of the said First Church who unanimously voted to grant your request and directed me to give you the information.

Honorable William Gray Esquire I am etc.

Chairman of a Committee appointed DAVID TILDEN, Chairman
by His Excellency the Governor and of the Committee of the
the Honorable Council of Massachusetts First Church.

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NB. Messrs John Joy and Samuel Bradford acquiesced in the above vote though not present.

[79] June 27, 1810. At a meeting of the proprietors of Pews in the First Church in Chauncy Place, David Tilden moderator, in consequence of the following Petition.

The subscribers, part of the proprietors of the First Church in Boston, request the Committee of said Church to notify the members of the Church and Congregation to meet in the said Church on Wednesday the 27th June Instant at half past one oClock on business of importance,

S M Thayer	William Stevenson	Edward Blake Jr
Allan Crocker	Caleb Hayward	Jonathan Howard
B Dana	Ignatius Sargent	William Tileston
John Fox	Nathaniel Goddard	Andrew Brimmer
George Blanchard	Benjamin Leverett	Asaph Stone
Samuel Wheelwright	Gamaliel Bradford	Joseph Wiggin
Josiah Bradlee	Isaac Hall	William Reynolds
Oliver Keating	Daniel Sargent	Samuel Torrey
James Thwing	John W Blanchard	Turner Phillips
Abraham Gibson	A Benjamin	Edward Reynolds
James Fillis	William Richardson	Benjamin Gray

which being laid before the Meeting and they being informed by the Committee of the application of the Executive of the Commonwealth for the use of their House on the 4th July ensuing and of the answer of the Committee.

Voted that the Proprietors will with great cheerfulness open the Meeting house to accomodate His Excellency and suite on the 4th July ensuing for the purpose of attending divine service—but as the inhabitants of Boston have been in the constant usage, ever since the declaration of Independence, of celebrating that glorious event, under the arrangement of the Selectmen, who have on this as well as on all former occasions appointed an Orator for this purpose, and as another Oration in that house would interfere with the proposed arrangement of the Constituted Authorities of the town, the Proprietors cannot consent that any Oration not authorized by the Selectmen should be pronounced on that day in their Building.

Voted That the Moderator make the following [80] communication to His Honor the Lieutenant Governor covering the foregoing vote.

To His Honor—

William Gray—

Chairman of the Committee
of the Honorable Council.

At the request of the Proprietors of Pews in the First Church, I have the honor to enclose a vote passed at their meeting this day and request you to communicate the same to His Excellency the Governor and the Honorable Council.

With great respect I remain

Sir, Your Obedient Servant

DAVID TILDEN, Chairman

of the Committee of the first Church.

January 15, 1811. At a meeting of the Standing Committee of the First Church and Society this day at the office of William Smith Esquire.

Voted that the Treasurer give a Deed of pew number—One hundred and ten in the said First Church, in lieu of pew number Thirty-one in the old meeting-house late in Cornhill, to Christopher Gore Esquire, said pew formerly belonging to Nathaniel Barrett and by him assigned to said Gore. Voted at said meeting that the Treasurer give a Deed of pew number One hundred to Charles Curtis when Lemuel Ludden will have relinquished his right to said pew and produced a certificate that all arrearages are paid thereon. Present at the above meeting, D Tilden, J Morrill, William Smith, John Joy and E Huse.

DAVID TILDEN, Chairman.

[8r] Monday, April 8, 1811. At a meeting of the standing Committee of the First Church and Society this evening at the house of William Smith Esquire.

Voted that the Treasurer give a Deed of Pew No. 35 in the said First Church, to William Tileston, said pew formerly belonging to Cornelius Durant and by him assigned to said Tileston.

Present The whole Committee.

DAVID TILDEN, Chairman.

Sunday evening, April 28, 1811. At a meeting of the Committee in the meeting house after divine service.

Voted that the Treasurer give a deed of Pew No 44 in the first Church

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to Joseph P Bradlee, Mr Benjamin Gray and Miss Haley Rand having relinquished all their right and title of said Pew to the Committee of said first Church.

DAVID TILDEN, Chairman.

Present all the Committee
excepting Samuel Bradford Esquire.

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[123] At a Meeting of the First Church of Christ in Boston, 11th December 1789. At Mr James Morrill's.

Voted That there be an annual meeting of the Church on the Evening of the first Monday in October at Seven of the Clock.

Voted That the Deacons for the time being lay before the church at the annual Meeting a Statement of their accounts.

Voted That Mr Clarke be desired to inform Deacon Williams upon his return, that it is the request of the Church, that, at some convenient time, he would give them information respecting the state of their Finances, and that a meeting be called for the purpose.

Voted That on the Lord's Day, which will be the 20th Inst. after divine service in the afternoon, the church proceed to the choice of a Deacon in the place of Deacon Thwing, lately deceased; of whose pious and faithful services, the church retains a grateful remembrance.

JOHN CLARKE Moderator

Agreeably to the above, Mr David Tilden and Mr James Morrill were chosen into the Deacon's office; and accepted.

[124] At a Meeting of the First Church of Christ in Boston December 11, 1790. At Mr Clarke's.

No Votes passed.

At a Meeting of the First Church of Christ in Boston December 6, 1791. At Mr Price's.

Voted that the Money loaned to Mr Joseph Russell, remain in his hands, he regularly paying the Interest.

Voted that the Treasurer sell the Loan-Office Certificate and the States paper Continental Money, now on hand, and that the proceeds be kept, for the present, in the Treasury, or loaned according to his discretion.

JOHN CLARKE, Moderator

At a Meeting of the First Church of Christ in Boston. October 1792.

At Deacon Tilden's.

No Votes Passed.

At a Meeting of the First Church of Christ in Boston. November 15, 1793. At Dr Appleton's.

Upon an exhibition of the Receipts and Expenditures of the Church's money (by the Deacons) for the year passed, the members present expressed their entire satisfaction.

[125] October 17, 1804.

At a meeting of the First Church of Christ in Boston this day were present the Pastor, Deacons Tilden and Morrill, and brethren William Morrill, James Thwing, Samuel Thwing, Obadiah Thayer, James H Foster, William Lankester, Andrew E Thayer, Enoch Huse, and D Wild.

This meeting was appointed in consequence of a request made by the Pastor on the first Lordsday in this month, which request was founded on a knowledge that similar meetings had been held in years past, as appears by the records in the preceding pages.

Agreeably to the second vote passed at the meeting of the church December 11, 1789, the Deacons made a statement of the monies in their hands. The following is the statement made by Deacon Tilden.

1800	Monies received for Mr Russell's bond	
May	of Mr S Clap by D Tilden	\$346.66
29		
1804	Four years and four months and 18 days interest	
Oct	thereon, agreed	<u>91.10</u>
17		437.76
	Monies received by Deacon Tilden	
	of the State Treasurer at different times	
	to Jan. 1804—amounting to	<u>605. 2</u>
		\$1042.78

In addition to the above monies, there is exhibited by Deacon Tilden a State Note, No 301, dated January 10, 1804, for \$481.01 and bearing interest at 5 per cent, from the first of the said month of January.

October 17, 1804.

After exhibiting the above statement, the Deacons informed the brethren that it was [126] their intention, within six months from the present time, to vest the first mentioned sum viz 1042.78 in the publick funds, in real estate, or in some way which, in their opinion, shall best secure and render productive the property of the church.

On motion of brother Deacon Morrill, it was

Voted, that all such persons, as, having been previously members of other churches, manifest a desire to become members of our body, shall be proposed to the church by the Pastor, and observe the same form of admission as new candidates.

On motion it was unanimously

Voted, that the Deacons of the church be a committee to wait on brother Osias Morse, and seriously admonish him to return to his duty of publick attendance on the ordinances of the gospel.

There being no other business at present before the church, the meeting was dissolved.

W EMERSON, Moderator.

October 27, 1806.

In compliance with a former custom, of holding a meeting of the Brethren of the First Church of Christ in Boston, in the month of October annually, for the purpose of attending to a statement of the Funds [127] of said Church, to be laid before them by the Deacons thereof—and to such other business, as might require their consideration—A meeting was held this Evening, at the House of Deacon James Morrill, when were Present,

Our Reverend Pastor, William Emerson. who presided—Deacons David Tilden and James Morrill, Brethren Enoch Huse, Abijah Cheever, Edward Blake, Andrew E Thayer, James H Foster and Obadiah Thayer

The last mentioned, was nominated and Voted Secretary for this meeting. The Property of the Church was stated to be Eleven hundred ninety five Dollars 66/100th, now in the hands of Deacon David Tilden, and a Massachusetts State Note for Four hundred and eighty one Dollars 1/100th, bearing an Interest of 5 per Cent per annum—

It appeared that the Donors of this property, bestowed it for three distinct purposes, Viz

For the benefit of the Poor generally

For the use of Pious purposes

For the use of the Ministry.

[128] and upon calculation it was ascertained, that that portion, the Interest of which was intended for the Ministry, was \$295.7—that for pious uses, was \$132.20. and that for the Poor generally, was \$1249.40—It was

Voted: That the Money should be Loaned to Decon David Tilden, he, giving his Notes as Principal, and George Blanchard as surety, as follows.

Viz One Note for \$295.7 payable on demand with Interest annually, expressing that it is for that part of the Funds, given for the use of the Ministry.

One Note for \$132.20 payable on demand with Interest annually, expressing it to be for that part of the Funds, intended for Pious uses.

One Note for \$768.39 payable on demand with Interest annually, expressing it to be for that portion designed for the Poor generally.

The State Note above mentioned, and the last described Note of Deacon Tilden, comprise the whole of that Portion, designed for the Poor generally.

There being nothing further that required the attention of the Church—this meeting was dissolved.

Attest: OBADIAH THAYER Secretary

[129] At a Meeting of the First Church of Christ in Boston on the Sixteenth day of February in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and seven, at 7 oClock, in the house of Deacon James Morrill, all the Members of the same being duly notified by the Pastor. Members present—Reverend William Emerson, Deacon David Tilden, Deacon James Morrill, Brethren Obadiah Thayer, Edward Blake Junior, Andrew E Thayer, William Morrill, James H Foster, William Lankester and James Thwing.

The last mentioned was nominated, and Voted Secretary for this meeting.

Whereas this Church is seized and possessed of a certain tract or parcel of Land, situated in Summer-street, so called in Boston aforesaid, the same being holden by this Church in virtue of a grant from Richard and

Ann Hollingshead to Robert Sanderson and Henry Alline, former Deacons of this Church, and their successors in office, to the use of said Church or Society, as by the grant of the said Robert and Ann appears by the date of their Deed December 17. A D 1680—And

Whereas it is proposed to open a Street or Court through or by the said tract, and to sell part of the same, whence the value of the residue will be much increased, and great benefit will result to the Society—

Therefore

Voted, That this Church do consent to the opening of a Street or Court through or by the same, and they hereby empower David Tilden Esquire and Mr James Morrill, the present Deacons of the Church, to alienate any part of the said tract, as shall in their opinion be most for the interest of the Church and Society—

[130] But whereas the proprietors of the Pews belonging to the Society have, at a late meeting, chosen the Honorable Peter C Brooks Esquire and John Joy, Charles Paine and George Blanchard Esquires, in addition to the Deacons, for certain purposes therein expressed in their appointment
Therefore

Voted That the Church do approve the doings of the Society in this respect.

And whereas this Church has full confidence in the discretion and ability of those Gentlemen, and in their zeal to promote the common interest of the Church and Society—Therefore—

Voted That the Deacons Tilden and Morrill aforesaid, do advise and act in concert with said Committee, or with any Committee which the Society may hereafter elect, for the purpose of carrying into effect the projected alterations in said tract of Land, and of erecting such buildings, and making such arrangements, as the Society in their wisdom may dictate.

There being no further business of the Church at this time

Voted That this meeting be dissolved.

Attest.

James Thwing Secretary

W EMERSON,
Moderator.

[131] At a special meeting of the First Church of Christ in Boston, on the 7th of September 1807 at 7 oClock in the house of Deacon David Tilden, the members of the same being duly notified by the Pastor.

Members present. Reverend William Emerson, Deacon David Tilden, Deacon James Morrill, William Morrill, William Lankaster, Abijah Cheevers, Edward Blake Junior and James Thwing.

The last mentioned, was nominated, and Voted Secretary for this meeting.

Whereas, by certain arrangements of the first Church Society, relative to the building of a new House for publick worship, for said Society, it becomes in our opinion, expedient to give to the Deacons of this Church our permission and authority to alienate the Old Brick Meetinghouse, so called, Therefore—

Voted That Deacon David Tilden and Deacon James Morrill be, and they hereby are authorized, to alienate and dispose of the said Old Brick meetinghouse, in any way, and for any consideration, which to them may seem just and expedient.

Voted That this Church do think it expedient that four pews be reserved in the new meeting house for such members of the Church and Society, as shall not be able to purchase, they paying the weekly assessment, and holding their occupancy under the direction of the Deacons.

Voted That this meeting be dissolved.

[132] January 14th 1808. At a meeting of the first Church of Christ in Boston, at the house of Deacon David Tilden, the members of the same being duly notified by the Pastor. Members present, Deacon David Tilden, Deacon James Morrill, Andrew E Thayer.

After attending to a statement of the funds of the church presented by the Deacons, and finding them to be correct, and on account of the great severity of the storm no other members appearing voted to dissolve the meeting.

ANDREW E THAYER, Secretary for this meeting.

At a Special Meeting of the first Church of Christ in Boston the 17 May 1808 at 7 oClock in the House of Deacon James Morrill the members of the same being duly notified by the Pastor. Members present, Reverend William Emerson, Deacon David Tilden, Deacon James Morrill, Brethren William Morrill, Enoch Huse, A Cheever, Edward Blake Jr, Andrew E Thayer.

Voted Edward Blake Jr Secretary for the Evening.

No particular Business presenting the same was dissolved.

[133] At a meeting of the members of the First Church (the same being duly notified by their Pastor.) in the house of the Reverend William Emerson. January 1809 at 7 oClock p m. Present—Reverend William Emerson, Deacon James Morrill, Brethren, Edward Blake Junior, Obadiah Huse, William Morrill and James Thwing.

No particular business presenting Voted That this meeting be dissolved.

[134] At an Annual meeting of the First Church of Christ in Boston, held in the Vestry the 28. December 1809 at 7 oClock p.m. the members of the same being duly notified by the Pastor—members present

Reverend William Emerson	James H Foster
Deacons David Tilden	Enoch Huse
James Morrill	William Lankaster
Brethren Samuel Bradford	William Morrill
Edward Blake Junior	Andrew E Thayer and
Moses Barnard	James Thwing
David Francis	

Voted That the Pastor and Deacons be requested to meet quarterly to wit—on the Mondays, next following the first Sundays in March, June, September and December, to examine the state of the Church funds and their appropriations.

Voted That this meeting be dissolved.

At an Annual Meeting of the First Church of Christ in Boston held in the Vestry Monday December 31st 1810. at 7 oClock P.M; the Members of the same being duly notified by the Pastor. Samuel Bradford appointed Secretary Pro Tempore.

Present: Reverend William Emerson Moderator, Deacons David Tilden, James Morrill, Brethren David Francis, Enoch Huse, Henry H Tuckerman, William Smith, Samuel Bradford, Minot Thayer and Obadiah Huse.

Voted That in future no person shall be considered an acting member of the First Church who shall not previously have been proposed to the Church, and have subscribed the Declaration of Faith usually subscribed by persons on their admission to communion.

[135] A general statement of the funds of the Church was made by the

Deacons to the satisfaction of the members present, and the meeting was then dissolved.

At a meeting of the First Church of Christ after divine service the 28th July 1811. Present The Deacons, Brethren William Smith, James H Foster, Samuel Bradford, Francis, Edward Blake Junior, Enoch Huse, James Thwing, William Lancaster, Barnard.

Voted That, at the request of our brother Minot Thayer and sister Dorothy Welsh, wife of Mr Jonas Welsh, they be now honorably dismissed from this Church and recommended as proper persons to join a new Church now about to be gathered in Braintree and to all other Christian Churches.

The following is a Copy of a letter to the Reverend Samuel Clarke,

Boston April 25th 1812

To the Reverend Samuel Clark and the Brethren of the Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ under his Pastoral Care at Burlington, State of Vermont—

We the Deacons of the first Church of Christ in Boston being informed by our Brother Williams (who was lately one of us) that your table for the celebration of the communion was not fully furnished with [136] vessels, and having a small sum in our care to be disposed of for pious uses, take this opportunity to express our Christian love and affection for you by forwarding you a few Articles for your table, of which we beg your kind acceptance, sincerely wishing that in the use of them you may experience all that divine aid and consolation that the great Author of our holy religion intended in the institution of that holy ordinance—with fervent prayers for your increase, comfort, and prosperity, we subscribe ourselves your brethren in Christ.

(Signed)

# two Flagons hard mettle handle	}	\$8.0.	David Tilden	} Deacons of the First Church ⁴
four Silver-plated Cups		12.0.	James Morrill	
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\$20.00				

⁴ "Memorandum delivered Deacon Jacob Williams of Burlington, State of Vermont by consent of Deacon James Morrill a present of two Flagons of Britania and four silver plated handle cups as a present from the first Church in Boston to the Church in Burlington. { 2 Flagons — \$8 } { 4 Cups @ \$3 — 12 } \$20. (This is to be charged against my Note to Deacon Morrill for pious uses. David Tilden.) Loose papers of Church. No date.

[*The following loose paper found in this volume is here inserted:*]

[At a meeting of the Brethren of the first Church in Boston held in the vestry of said Church, May 14, 1813. Members present, Deacon David Tilden, Deacon James Morrill, Brothers William Smith, James H Foster, James Thwing, Robert T Paine, Samuel Bradford, Samuel Floyd, David Francis.

This meeting being called for the purpose of coming to the choice of a minister, to supply the vacancy occasioned by the decease of our beloved Pastor William Emerson and the importance of the subject having been taken into consideration and from the thinness of the meeting it was voted that this meeting be adjourned 'till 4 O'clock on the morrow.

May 15, 1813. The members of the First Church met in the Vestry agreeably to adjournment. Members present:

Deacon Tilden	Samuel Bradford
Deacon Morrill	Nath. Goddard
Messrs William Smith	David Francis
R T Paine	Edward Blake
P C Brooks	Gaml. Bradford
J H Foster	James Thwing

It was moved and seconded that we proceed to the choice of a Minister, it was accordingly Voted that we proceed by ballot for a person for that purpose, the whole number of Votes was Nine, and Mr Abbot having that number was unanimously chosen.

Voted That this meeting be adjourned to morrow Evening after divine service and that the Congregation be requested to tarry after the blessing.]

At a Meeting of the Brethren of the first Church in Boston, at the Meeting House, on Sunday Evening January 23, 1814.

Voted That this Meeting be Adjourned to Next Lords Day after divine Service in the Afternoon which will be the 20th Instant to Meet at the Vestry That the Church then proceed to the choice of a Deacon in the place of Deacon Tilden lately deceased of whose pious and faithfull Services the Church retains a gratefull remembrance

January 20 1814 The Members of the Church Met according to Adjournment and proceeded to the choice of A Deacon on Collecting the Votes it Appeared Our Brother James Thwing was chosen by a very large Majority and Accepted.

JAMES MORRILL Moderator

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[137] At a Meeting of the Brethren of first Church January 30th 1814. A Letter from our sister Church in Brattle Street was Communicated by the Deacon (our Beloved Pastor Reverend Mr Abbot being Absent on account of his health) Requesting our Attendance at the Ordination of Mr Edward Everett as their Pastor the Church Voted to Attend the solemnities of the Day by the following Brethren

Deacons James Morrill and James Thwing
Judge Paine Messrs Enoch Huse
David Francis and Samuel Bradford Esq
JAMES MORRILL Moderator

At A Meeting of the Brethren of first Church April 2d 1814.

The request of Our Brother Edward Blake Jr and Sarah his wife that they be dismissed from their relation to this Church and Recommended to the New North Church Under the Care of Reverend Mr Parkman was communicated The Church Voted that their request be granted that they be Honorably dismissed and recommended agreeably to their request.

JAMES MORRILL Moderator

The following Letter was sent to the New North Church
Christian Friends

At A Meeting of the Brethren of first Church in Boston April 2, 1814.

At the request of Our highly esteemed Brother and Sister Edward and Sarah Blake they were honorably dismissed from their relation to the first Church—

The parting with Members we so much esteem and with whom we have had much christian comfort and pleasure is Matter of great regret.

[138] We do Now in the fullest Manner recommend them to your Christian Communion hoping that the same Christian comfort and pleasure which we have so long experienced may be continued to them and you in this New Relation—Asking your prayers for us and our Absent Pastor that he May soon be restored to us and to his Ministry with us

We subscribe Your
Christian Brethren
James Morrill } Deacons.
James Thwing }

[At a meeting of the Members of First Church in Boston at the Vestry
Dec. 26, 1814.

A letter from our brother James Thwing having been communicated,⁵ and taken into serious consideration; and the recent conduct of our brother George Blanchard, as being somewhat connected with that of Mr Thwing, having also been brought into notice—The members of this church have been compelled to form an opinion, which they have done with all the sensibility which the occasion is calculated to excite, that the conduct of these two brethren so far as it present knows, has been unbecoming as members of a christian church—It is therefore voted

That their attendance at the sacrament be suspended until the church shall be satisfied that it will be consistent with the articles of the church for them again to join in communion.

Boston May 22^d 1815

Visit to Mr Thwing at his request. He acknowledged the propriety of the Votes of the Church expressed in their letter to him December 26 1814. Yet at first he found he held a different opinion and was possible he had expressed it to some of the brethren.

He expressed much sorrow and Mortification for past deviations and fully assented to the following

That on reviewing the more late transactions of his life he found great cause for sorrow and regret.—and trusts he has now formed a resolution which is attended with his most earnest prayer that his future conduct be such as is becoming those that surround the table of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ—

Boston May 3^d 1815 A Committee of four Brethren of the First Church in Boston at the request of our Brother James Thwing called on him and

⁵ To the Members of the First Church of Christ in Boston.

My Dear Brethren.

Some recent events, equally unexpected and afflictive, having cast a shade upon my character, which, at present I am unable to remove; it becomes my duty to myself, as well as to you, to decline accepting the honorable appointment, to which your kind partiality, some months since invited me—I shall fondly hope, however, to continue my fellowship and communion with you, and strive to walk more worthy of such a relation—

Requesting your prayers for divine assistance

I remain

with sentiments of affection

Your Brother and friend

James Thwing

Boston December 3^d 1814

Deacon James Morrill
to be communicated to the
Members of the First Church
of Christ in Boston

he fully Assented to what is above written on which the church this Day
Voted to receive him again to their communion.

J MORRILL Deacon

(*Papers Relating to the First Church Proceedings with Mr James Thwing*)]⁶

At a Meeting of the Brethren of the First Church of Christ in Boston
held at the Vestry of said church January 23d 1815.

Voted That Sunday evening after Divine service of February 5th Next.
be Now Assigned for the Choice of a Deacon for this Church in the place
of Mr James Thwing who has declined continuing in the Office—

JAMES MORRILL Deacon

February 05 1815 The Brethren met According to adjournment pro-
ceeded to the choice of a deacon On collecting the Votes Mr James Hiller
Foster was chosen and Accepted the office on Communion Day

March 5 1815.

JAMES MORRILL Deacon

[*Remainder of book is blank*]

⁶ This entry was not recorded in the church records but has been preserved in the file of papers. James Thwing (1763-1835) was cashier of the Massachusetts Bank, 1793-1814. "He lent money to a friend which caused him to fail." Cf. W. E. Thwing, *Thwing, A Genealogical, Biographical and Historical Account of the Family* (Boston, 1883), pp. 47-48.

VOLUME V

Records of Proprietors of Pews, 1808-1867

[i]

MEMORANDUM

On the 29th of July, 1828, being the annual meeting of the Proprietors of First Church, it was unanimously voted, that the clerk be requested to procure a new and substantial Record Book, and to copy into it all the unbound records.

The records of the Society appear to have been kept in small books, similar to those commonly used for cyphering in schools. In 1728, Rev. Thomas Foxcroft had "the church book new bound, and additional paper inserted," and in 1828 Rev. Mr. Frothingham had the succeeding books, joined with the above, again rebound in a handsome manner, and which he now retains in his possession for recording the baptisms, etc.

In the Volume kept by Mr. Frothingham, the proceedings of the Society are brought down to 1785; from this date until 1808, there are no records of any proprietors' meetings. The Standing Committee had several; twenty-nine are recorded in a small book, with sundry receipts and accounts of the Treasurer, from 1789 to 1803; but they are altogether relative to the transfer and sale of pews.

In 1808, at a Proprietors' meeting in the Old Brick, is the first notice of the appointment of a clerk, and his records are the commencement of this present volume.

Boston, August, 1828.

DAVID FRANCIS, clerk.

[i] At a meeting of the Proprietors of Pews in the First Church, on Wednesday the 6th day of July, 1808, by virtue of a warrant in the following words, viz.

"The Deacons of this Church notify the Society that a meeting will be held in this house on Wednesday the sixth day of July next at four o'clock, P.M. for the following objects, viz. To choose a clerk. To confirm the doings of the committee of said Society, respecting the assignation of pews in the new Church in Summer Street. To adopt such measures as may be necessary for the assessment of the weekly taxes on the pews, and for the sale of the surplus pews. And to act on such other concerns as may come before said meeting. As the business will be of great importance to the Society, the punctual attendance of every proprietor is earnestly requested. Old Brick or First Church. June 25, 1808."

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Deacon David Tilden chosen moderator, and after having read the warrant, William Furness chosen Clerk. He being absent, Voted to adjourn this meeting to Friday next at this place at 4 o'clock P.M.

The original Notification was read from the Desk by Mr. Willard on the afternoon of the Sabbath, June 26, and a copy posted at the Church on the 25th.

Adjourned Meeting, Friday, July 8, 1808.

Deacon David Tilden, moderator. Gave information that Mr. William Furness declined accepting the office of clerk: then proceeded to the choice of a clerk, and Samuel Bradford by ballot was chosen Clerk of said Society. William Smith, esquire, then administered the oath to said Samuel Bradford for the faithful performance of his duty.

After reading the warrant, for the meeting,

Voted That the assignment of pews in the new church in Summer Street made to the proprietors of pews in this church by their Standing Committee be approved and confirmed.

Voted That the present Standing Committee be authorized to assess the taxes on the respective pews in the new meeting-house and to report at the adjournment or any future meeting of this Society.

Voted That the Standing Committee of this Society be authorized to sell those pews in the new church in Summer Street that are not assigned to the members of this Society, at such time and in such manner, as they shall judge for the best interest of the Society.

Voted To adjourn this meeting to Friday next at this place, at 4 o'clock p.m.

SAMUEL BRADFORD Clerk.

[2] Adjourned Meeting, Friday, July 15, 1808.

Deacon Tilden, moderator. The present Standing Committee of the First Church, agreeably to a Vote of the Society, that they make an assessment of taxes on the respective pews in the new meeting house,—made Report of their doings, which being read,

Voted That the said Report of their doings be accepted.

Voted That the Standing Committee request the Clergyman who may officiate on the next Sabbath to inform the Society of the day on which the First Church, namely the new house in Summer Street shall be opened for public worship.

Pews in Chauncy Place Church
Weekly Tax Assessed by Committee, 1808

No.	<i>owner</i>	cts.	No.	<i>owner</i>	cts.
1			37	Daniel Messinger	30
2			38	Enoch Huse	30
3	Eliphalet Williams	28	39	William H. Boardman	27
4	David C. Marston	32	40	David Bradlee	30
5	Charles Paine	32	41	Mrs. Tilden	30
6	Alanson Tucker	28	42	Edward Reynolds	30
7	Josiah Whitney	28	43	Minister's Pew	
8	Abijah Cheever	32	44	Benjamin Gray	34
9	Misses Archbald	32	45	Miss Partridge	34
10	Jonathan Hastings	32	46	John Joy	34
11	Jonathan L. and B. Austin	34	47	Ditto	34
12	James Thwing	34	48	Nathan Barrett	34
13	David Tilden	34	49	John Cunningham	34
14		25	50	Ignatius Sargent	34
15	Benjamin Dearborn	28	51	Caleb Hayward	34
16	Mrs. Johnson	28	52	William Powell's Heirs	34
17	William Hayden	25	53	James Lamb	34
18	George Blanchard	25	54	Thomas D. Bradlee	30
19	Ditto	25	55		30
20	Mrs. Downes	28	56		30
21	Nathaniel T. Tilden	28	57		30
22	Joseph Wiggin	25	58		30
23	John Aubin	25	59		30
24		28	60	David W. Bradlee	30
25	John Bellows	30	61	Lemuel Cravath	30
26		17	62	Daniel Sargent	34
27		25	63	Ditto	34
28		25	64	Abraham Gibson	34
29		25	65	Andrew Brimmer	34
30		25	66	George Blanchard	34
31	Elisha Woods	25	67	Josiah Bradlee	34
32	William Richardson	30	68	Martha Thayer	34
33	Jonathan Haward	30	69	Samuel Torrey	34
34	Gamaliel Bradford	30	70	Nathaniel R. Sturgis	34
35	Cornelius Durant	27	71	William Smith	34
36	James Phillips	30	72	Edward Blake	34

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No.	<i>owner</i>	cts.	No.	<i>owner</i>	cts.
73	Abigail Gray	30	76	Penuel B. Rogers	27
74	Mrs. Rand	30	77	P. C. Brooks	30
75	Robert T. Paine	30	78	Benjamin P. Homer	30

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No.	<i>owner</i>	cts.	No.	<i>owner</i>	cts.
79	Luke Baker	30	107	Oliver Keeting	32
80	David West	27	108	James H. Foster	28
81	Turner Phillips	30	109	John Brown	28
82	Samuel M. Thayer	30	110	Nathaniel Barretts' Heirs	32
83	Asher Benjamin	30	111	Matthew M. Hunt	32
84	Mrs. Roberts	25	112	Mrs. Hickling	28
85	Eldad Brown	25	113		25
86	David Francis	25	114	<i>Gallery</i>	25
87	George Barker	25	115	Allan Pollock	20
88		17	116	T. D. Bradlee	17
89	John Furness	30	117	William Lankaster	17
90	John W. Blanchard	28	118	John Fox	25
91	Oliver Sherman	28	119	John West	17
92	Benjamin Dana	25	120	David W. Bradlee	17
93	Mrs. Hall	25	121	Ditto	20
94	Henry J. Gardner	28	122	James Thwing	20
95	John Richardson	28	123	Joshua Loring	17
96	Allen Crocker	25	124	William Stevenson	17
97	Isaac Hall	25	125	Benajah Brigham	17
98	John West	25	126	Beza Tucker	17
99	Samuel Wheelwright	28	127	John W. Blanchard	20
100	Lemuel Ludden	28	128		
101	William Clough	25	129		12
102	Benjamin Joy	34	130		17
103	Samuel Bradford	34	131		17
104	James Morrill	34	132		17
105		32	133		17
106	Jeremiah Allen	32	134		17

Amount of Weekly Taxes 36, 63 cents.

Voted That this meeting be dissolved. SAMUEL BRADFORD, Clerk.

Memorandum. Rev. William Emerson preached a Farewell Sermon in the Old Brick on Sabbath, 17th July, 1808, and announced to the Society that the First Church would meet in the new house in Summer Street on Thursday next, 11 o'clock for the object of public worship and a Dedication of the new house.

Tuesday, July 19, 1808.

At a meeting of the Proprietors of Pews in First Church by virtue of a warrant in the following words, namely, "The proprietors of the First Church are hereby notified that their annual meeting will be held in this place on Tuesday 19th instant at 4 o'clock P.M. for the purpose of choosing their Standing Committee, voting the Minister's Salary, and transacting any other business that may legally come before them." July 9, 1808.

Voted That Dea. Tilden be moderator.

Voted That the Standing Committee for the year ensuing consist of six members. [4] Dea. David Tilden, Dea. James Morrill, Mr. John Joy, Mr. William Smith, Mr. Samuel Bradford, Mr. Enoch Huse, are chosen.

Voted Deacon David Tilden be treasurer for the year ensuing.

Voted That the Salary of Rev. William Emerson for the ensuing year be Twenty-Five Dollars a Week, and that he be furnished with wood twenty-eight cords.

Voted That Ebenezer Clafflen be the Sexton, and allowed one hundred and twenty dollars for the year ensuing, and in that proportion for any part of the year he may serve.

Voted That this meeting be dissolved. S. BRADFORD Clerk.

The original notification was read from the Desk on Sabbath 10 July, by Rev. Dr. Ware, and a copy was posted at the meeting house on 9th July.

Thursday, July 21, 1808.

The First Church in Summer Street dedicated to the Worship of Almighty God.

Meeting of Standing Committee, July 26, 1808.

By assignment, and notice previously given to the Pew holders situate in the Gallery, "that those who were not satisfied with the Pews assigned them by said Committee, might, according to an appraisement of pews on the lower floor, make an election of pews at said appraisements," Messrs. Beza Tucker and John W. Blanchard, were present.

“Conditions of sale. 25 per cent. of the amount of purchase money to be paid down as earnest. The residue to be divided in equal payments at 3 and 6 mo. with interest, or 3 mo. without interest: Boston Money: Deeds to be given when the conditions are complied with. That the purchasers have the privilege of their pews in the gallery advertised at the first sale of Pews at auction which shall be attempted be made of Pews in said House, and that they be exempted from taxes on the purchase of pews they may this day make on the lower floor, until the sabbath succeeding the day on which such sale of pews shall be attempted to be made; and that in the sale at auction of gallery pews those belonging to the said purchasers shall be first offered.”

John W. Blanchard made choice of No 97	\$350
Beza Tucker then made choice of 105.	\$400
Lemuel Cravath relinquished 105 for No 61 by agreement.	
Remark. Beza Tucker disposed of his pew 105 to John Linzee.	
John W. Blanchard has exchanged 97 and taken No 90.	

John W. Blanchard has exchanged 97 and taken No 90.

Lord's Day, July 31, 1808. P.M.

At the instance of the Standing Committee the Society remained after service. On motion made, and seconded,

[5] Voted That the Society request of Rev. William Emerson a ms. copy of his last discourse delivered in the Old House the 17th inst. and of his First Discourse in the New House on the 21st inst. for publication.

Voted That the Deacons be a committee for the object of the above vote, and that on receiving the said copies they cause seven hundred copies to be printed; two hundred of which are to be presented to the Rev. Mr. Emerson, and the residue distributed to the Society in such manner as the Committee shall think proper.

Meeting of Standing Committee, August 2, 1808.

By assignment and notice previously given to sundry worshippers for the object of their making choice of pews, etc. as per conditions recorded;

Henry J. Gardner made choice of No 94 value	\$375
William H. Boardman of 39	\$375
James H. Foster 108	\$400
John Brown 109	\$400
George Blanchard 18	\$350

Ditto	19	\$350
Thomas D. Bradlee	54	\$400
David W. Bradlee	60	\$375

Meeting of Standing Committee, August 2, 1808, at Dea. James Morrill's.

The Committee made notifications to each and every pew proprietor of the weekly taxes on his pew.

Voted That a new deed be furnished to each and every proprietor who shall have paid all arrearages due on the pew he held in the Old Brick meeting house, and that the Treasurer be, and he is hereby authorized to give deeds in conformity to the above Vote.

SAMUEL BRADFORD Clerk.

Meeting of Standing Committee, August 22.

Voted That Rev. William Emerson, in the name of the Standing Committee be requested to offer to the Proprietors of the Theological Library¹ the use of the Vestry of the First Church in Boston on the following conditions:

That the Vestry shall be open on each Lord's Day for the accommodation of such parents as may present children for baptism. That the Standing Committee retain the use of the Vestry for holding their meetings at such times as the concerns of the Society may require. That the Pastor shall have access to the Vestry at all times.

In stating these conditions, the Committee have no intention of embarrassing their offer, or of lessening its value in the estimation of the proprietors of the Theological Library; the Committee conceive that neither they, the pastor, nor any member of First Church will ever make such a use of the vestry, as will deprive the [6] proprietors of the Library of a single benefit, which they might hope to enjoy from any other room.

(signed) DAVID TILDEN, Chairman, Standing Committee.

Lord's Day, P. M. September 25, 1808.

At the request of the Standing Committee the Society remained after service; they took into consideration the suggestion made by the Committee,

¹ This was the theological library of the Boston Association of Ministers which was the fourth social library in Boston. It was incorporated into the Boston Athenaeum in 1823. A catalogue of the books was published in 1808.

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of making a grant of a sum of money, to furnish certain household furniture for the house of Rev. William Emerson, in Summer Street.

Voted That a sum not exceeding seven hundred Dollars be appropriated from the funds for the object abovementioned, and that Rev. William Emerson be requested to accept of the same.

Voted That Dea. David Tilden, Dea. Morril, and Mr. Samuel Bradford be a committee to make the Communication to Rev. Mr. Emerson, and to carry the same into effect.

The Committee on the same day made their communication to the rev. pastor, who accepted the offer of the Society, and expressed the most lively sentiments of respect, gratitude and affection to the Society for this renewed instance of their liberality.

SAMUEL BRADFORD clerk.

Meeting of Standing Committee, September 29.

Voted That a book for registering of Births, Marriages and Burials of the Members of the Society be furnished by the Treasurer.²

Voted That four of Pollock's Stoves be procured, and placed in the meeting-house.

Annual Meeting, Tuesday, July 18, 1809.

Due notice of the same having been given by notifications posted at said meeting house.

David Tilden chosen moderator.

Samuel Bradford chosen clerk.

David Tilden chosen Treasurer.

David Tilden, James Morrill, John Joy, William Smith, Enoch Huse, Samuel Bradford chosen Standing Committee.

Voted That Rev. Mr. Emerson be allowed for the ensuing year, in addition to his house twenty-five Dollars, each and every week: also be furnished with 30 cords of wood.

Voted That Ebenezer Claffen, as Sexton, be allowed one hundred and twenty-dollars for the ensuing year.

Voted That the Standing Committee be authorized, as soon as may be, to cause to be imported from England a suitable organ for the use and service of First Church.³

Voted That the Members of the Society are sensible of the [7] cordial and

² No such volume is extant.

³ Cf. pp. 649, 660.

brotherly support of those members who have given their particular assistance in the vocal part of public worship.

The oath of office was administred to the clerk by the moderator.

Meeting Standing Committee, April 21, 1810.

Voted That the Treasurer be authorized to make a Deed of Pew No 45 to Mr. Ebenezer O. Fifield.

Deed made said April 21.

Meeting Standing Committee, May 1810.

Voted That the Treasurer make a Deed of pew No 5 to Mr. Ralph Huntington.

Deed made said May 19.

Annual Meeting, Tuesday, July 17, 1810.

David Tilden chosen moderator.

Samuel Bradford, clerk, and sworn by the moderator.

Deacon Tilden chosen Treasurer.

Deacon Tilden, Deacon Morrill, John Joy, William Smith, Enoch Huse, Samuel Bradford Standing Committee.

Voted That Rev. Mr. Emerson be allowed for the year ensuing twenty-five Dollars each and every week, and that he be furnished with thirty cords of wood for the ensuing year.

Voted That Ebenezer Clafin as sexton, be allowed one hundred and twenty Dollars for the year ensuing, and a further sum if to the Committee it should seem fit.

Voted That the Treasurer be empowered to pay thirty-two Dollars, the proportion of the expense incurred by sundry religious associations in this town for a dinner provided for the Rev. Clergy on the Day of the Meeting of the Rev. Clergy in convention on the day succeeding the Day of General Election.⁴ Dissolved.

Meeting of Standing Committee, April 11, 1811.

Voted That the Treasurer be empowered to make a deed of Pew No 35 to Mr. William Tileston.

⁴ This is the Massachusetts Convention of Congregational Ministers which has met annually with few exceptions since the late seventeenth century. It survived the theological controversies of the early nineteenth century and presently includes the clergy of both branches of Congregationalism, trinitarian and unitarian. Cf. Harold F. Worthley, "The Massachusetts Convention of Congregational Ministers." (*The Proceedings of the Unitarian Historical Society*, 1958.)

Lord's Day, May 12, 1811.

This day, at 45 minutes past seven in the Evening, our respected and beloved Friend Rev. William Emerson died, aged 42 years. He was installed pastor of the First Church October 16, 1799.

[8] Monday, May 13, 1811. P.M.

Meeting of the Congregation at the Church, to adopt measures for the interment of their late Reverend Pastor.

Voted That the widow and Family of the Deceased be furnished with appropriate mourning, which, with all other necessary expenses be defrayed and paid out of the Society's Funds.

Voted That Rev. Mr. Buckminster be requested to deliver a Sermon on the day of the interment; that Rev. Dr. Lathrop be also requested to make the first prayer, and Rev. Mr. Holley the second prayer.

Voted That the males of the Society wear a black crape round the arm for six weeks; and that the females assume appropriate badges of mourning for the same time.

Voted That Thursday next, 16th, be assigned for the interment, and that the religious exercises commence at 3 o'clock.

Voted That the Standing Committee carry into effect the above resolutions.

Adjourned without day.

Lord's Day, May 19, 1811. P.M.

At the request of the Standing Committee, the Members of the Society remained after service.

Voted That the Thanks of the Society be presented Rev. Mr. Buckminster for his very excellent discourse at the interment of their deceased Pastor; and to request a copy of the same for the Press.

Voted That should a copy of the Sermon be procured, the Deacons cause one thousand copies to be printed.

Voted That a Committee be raised to consider the situation of the Family of our late respected Pastor, and report at the adjournment of this meeting, such a plan for their support, as will be respectful to the memory of our deceased pastor, and honorable to the Society.

Voted That the Committee consist of the Standing Committee together with Peter C. Brooks, Daniel Sargent, Samuel Torrey and Benjamin Joy.

Mr. The Society of the first Church Dr.
No. 43 To Ebenezer Flaslen Funeral Undertaker,
Funeral Expenses, Burying Rev. Mr. Wm. Emerson

To the SUPERINTENDANT, viz.

For Grave in the umumum burying-ground,	0.00
-- opening Tomb in Chapel Church Cemetery	" 50
-- use of Funeral Car,	" 2. "
-- use of the Public Vault,	" "
-- certifying this Bill,	<u>" 25</u> 2:75

To the UNDERTAKER, viz.

Digging Grave umumum feet deep,	0.00
Opening and closing Tomb,	" 75
Services at the house,	" 1. "
Notifying umumum families, 5 cents each,	" "
Tolling Bell,	" 50
Placing Corps in Coffin,	" 1. "
Carrying Corps to Car, and from thence to the Vault or Grave, Leader of the Car	3. "
Use of 1 Horse in the Car, and Leader,	1.50
Carrying Corps into Church,	<u>" 7.75</u>

8 10 = 50

I allow the above account,

Daniel Oliver Superintendant of
Middle District.

Received Payment, Ebenezer Flaslen

Licensed
Undertaker.

New payment of
D. Oliver
J. Morris

Receipt of the Board of Health to the Society of the First Church for the
burial expenses of the Reverend William Emerson, May 22, 1811

Voted That the Society's Tomb in the Chapel Burying Ground be repaired or rebuilt, as to the Standing Committee shall seem fit.

Voted That twenty-five Dollars be paid weekly to the widow of the late Pastor, until other support shall be determined on.

Voted That this meeting be adjourned to this day fortnight.

SAMUEL BRADFORD Clerk.

[9] Lord's Day, June 2, 1811. Adjourned meeting.

The Committee appointed to take into consideration the situation of the Family of our late respected pastor.

Report That the sum of Five Hundred Dollars be allowed and paid from the Society's Funds to the Widow of Rev. Mr. Emerson, in quarterly payments for the support of herself and children, during the term of seven years from and after the first day of July next.

That the said Widow have the use and occupancy of the parish house for the term of one year from the first day of July next, unless the Society should have occasion for the said House for parochial objects.

DAVID TILDEN Chairman.

The above report unanimously accepted.

A notification, calling on the proprietors of the First Church to attend their annual meeting on the 16th inst. was posted, bearing date July 7, 1811, at the meeting-house. SAMUEL BRADFORD clerk.

First Church, Lord's Day, July 23, 1811.

A contribution was made this afternoon for the unhappy sufferers by fire at Newburyport,⁵ and the sum of two hundred and forty-four Dollars collected. Whereupon the Standing Committee

Voted That the said sum be paid over by the Treasurer to Epes Sargent, authorized treasurer to receive monies raised for the relief of said Sufferers.

Annual Meeting, July 16, 1811.

David Tilden chosen moderator.

⁵ A calamitous fire of incendiary origin broke out in Newburyport on May 31, 1811 and before its course was arrested more than ninety families were rendered homeless while the financial losses were calculated at approximately a million dollars. Subscriptions were at once opened throughout New England and Boston alone contributed \$24,315.25. Cf. Smith. *History of Newburyport*. (Newburyport, 1854), pp. 185-189.

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Samuel Bradford, Clerk: who being absent, Dea. Morrill officiated as clerk pro. tem.

Voted That the Standing Committee consist of six, and the following were chosen, David Tilden, James Morril, John Joy, William Smith, Samuel Bradford and Enoch Huse.

Voted That David Tilden be Treasurer.

Voted That the Sexton be allowed a Salary of one hundred and fifty Dollars for the ensuing year.

Voted That the Report of the Committee, which was unanimously accepted Lord's Day June 2d respecting the allowance to the widow of our deceased pastor, be and is this day confirmed.

A conversation having taken place respecting the Committee having by the Treasurer paid to Messrs. Jonathan L. and Benjamin Austin one hundred Dollars as a compensation for damages sustained in the exchange of pews.

[10] June 16, 1811.

Voted that the consideration of the subject be postponed to the adjournment, on the 23d current; and then the meeting was accordingly adjourned.

Adjourned Meeting, July 23, 1811.

The Committee having informed the Brethren of the principles which influenced them to pay Messrs. Austin the sum of one hundred Dollars.

Voted That the subject do now subside.

Voted That this meeting be dissolved, and after the Clerk was sworn, it was accordingly dissolved. SAMUEL BRADFORD Clerk.

Oath administered by William Smith, esq.

Lord's Day, August 18, 1811. Meeting Standing Committee.

Voted That the Deacons be authorized as soon as may be, to cause Insurance against Fire to be made in the sum of 20,000 Dollars on the four Dwelling-Houses belonging to the Society, at either of the Insurance offices in Boston, where it can be effected at the lowest Premium.

September 11, 1811. Meeting of Standing Committee.

The Deacons reported that they had effected insurance against Fire on the

Four Dwelling Houses at the Phoenix Office, 20,000 Dollars at one quarter per centum from August 1811 to August 1812.

Annual Meeting, July 21, 1812.

Dea. Tilden chosen moderator.

Samuel Bradford, chosen clerk for ensuing year.

David Tilden, James Morrill, John Joy, William Smith, Samuel Bradford, Enoch Huse Standing Committee for ensuing year.

Dea. Tilden chosen Treasurer.

Voted That Ebenezer Clafin, Sexton, be allowed one hundred and fifty Dollars for the year ensuing.

Voted That the Widow of the late pastor continue to have the Occupancy of the parish house for the term of one year from the first of July present unless the Society shall have occasion for it for parochial objects.

Voted That the Society approve of the proceedings of the Standing Committee in reference to insurance against fire for the year past, and are authorized and requested to inquire at the several Offices in Boston to ascertain the best terms at which [II] insurance may be effected for the ensuing year.

Oath administered the Clerk. Meeting dissolved.

SAMUEL BRADFORD Clerk.

Lord's Day, April 25, 1813.

The Brethren of the Society, by notification posted, and notice from the pulpit, remained after Evening Service for the consideration of the Brethren in supplying the pulpit.

Voted That the Brethren designate by ballot the name of the person whom they would wish to supply the pulpit for the 2, 3, 4, and 5 Sabbaths in May. The votes being collected, it appeared that the ballots stood thus.

Mr. John L. Abbot	43 votes
Mr. Joseph ⁶ McKean	1 votes
Mr. Joseph Field	1 vote.
Mr. Francis Parkman	7 votes 62

Meeting dissolved.

⁶ Written over *William*.

Lord's Day, May 16, 1813.

The Brethren of the Church and Congregation met after the Evening Service (the like notification having been given as on 25th April) when the moderator, Dea. Tilden informed the Society that the Members of the Church at a late meeting on the subject of electing a pastor for the Society, had unanimously chosen and elected Mr. John L. Abbot as pastor of said First Church. After conversation on the subject, it was

Voted To postpone the consideration thereof to Sabbath next, 23 inst. That notifications may issue to the absent, and all the members present, requiring their punctual attendance; viz. to the several pewholders of the Society.

Lord's Day, May 23, 1813.

The Brethren of the Society met by adjournment for the object therein mentioned (the like notifications having been previously given). A motion was made for the Congregation to concur with the church in their vote of the election of Mr. John L. Abbot as Pastor. The motion was withdrawn to give opportunity to take the following Vote of the members of the Society.

Voted That we now proceed to vote for a Pastor of the First Church.

Voted That any individual present declaring himself personally authorized to vote for an absent proprietor, is so permitted to do; and the vote by proxy be counted.

The Vote for Pastor being then taken by ballot, it appeared that

[12]	Mr. John L. Abbot had	56 votes
	Mr. Joseph McKean	10
	Mr. Francis Parkman	7 73 votes

Voted That Mr. Abbot be invited to settle with the First Church as their pastor, and the said vote passed without a dissentient.

Voted That a Committee, consisting of two members of the Church and four members of the Congregation wait on Mr. Abbot with the Doings of the Society, and request his acceptance of their choice or election of him as their pastor.

Voted That said Committee be authorized and empowered to offer to said Mr. Abbot in case he should accord in their wishes, for his support and maintenance, the Salary of twenty-five Dollars for each and every week;

that he be furnished with the parish dwelling house and also with twenty-five Cords of Wood annually.

Voted That Dea. Tilden, Dea. Morrill, William Stevenson, John Joy, Daniel Sargent, and Edward Reynolds be the Committee.

SAMUEL BRADFORD Clerk.

Lord's Day, June 6, 1813.

Rev. Dr. Porter officiated this day, and after evening service read to the Congregation a letter from Mr. John L. Abbot, communicating his acceptance of the application of the committee of First Church to become their pastor.

June 22, 1813.

Meeting of Standing Committee, at the request of several brethren of the Society, who officiate in the orchestra, respecting the procuring an organ on hire; and the committee accepted the report of Dea. Morrill, James Thwing, Daniel Messinger and James Phillips to hire from Mr. Graupner an organ for the term of one year. And it was agreed to allow him for the same one hundred Dollars, to commence from 27 August. The organ to be placed in the house at the expense of said Graupner: the Society to pay the incidental expenses of preparing the gallery for its reception.⁷

⁷ The following letter will indicate the reason for the failure of the vote of September 29, 1809:

Sir

Boston, December 27. 1811

By a vote of the Society of the first Church in this town, passed in July 1809 an Organ was contracted for in London and was finished and paid for in November 1810. This instrument would have been shipped in the New Galen but was prevented by the non-intercourse taking effect before that ship could get ready for sea, and the Society have been deprived of the use of it ever since that period. I am now desired, by the Church Committee, to petition the Treasury department to grant a dispensation in favor of the Organ which was finished and paid for before the Non-intercourse took effect, and is in the situation of Goods that have been admitted; and that they may have liberty to get out an Instrument which is deemed, by the Society, so necessary to their public worship, and the deprivation of which causes fresh murmurs and difficulties every returning Sabbath.

I am Sir your Obedient Servant
David Tilden, Chairman
of the Committee for the
first Church.

Honl. Albert Gallatin Esq.

N B—this a Copy of a letter that was put into the Post Office in Boston December 27, 1811, by D. Tilden.

Copy of Letter to Honorable A. Gallatin, Esq. Secretary of the Treasury of the United States—December 27, 1811.

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Annual meeting, July 12, 1813.

Samuel Bradford chosen Clerk for ensuing year.

Dea. Tilden, moderator for the present meeting.

Voted That the Standing Committee consist of nine members, viz. David Tilden, James Morril, John Joy, William Smith, Enoch Huse, Samuel Bradford, James Thwing, James Phillips, Edward Reynolds.

[13] David Tilden, treasurer.

Voted That Ebenezer Clafin be the sexton, with the Salary of 150 Dollars.

Voted That this Society do now, and they accordingly did, confirm the Vote of 23d May respecting the support of Mr. Abbot, their pastor elect.

Meeting dissolved.

SAMUEL BRADFORD Clerk.

July 14, 1813.

This Day, Wednesday, Rev. John L. Abbot was ordained pastor of First Church and Society.

Introductory prayer by Rev. Mr. Thacher; Sermon, by Rev. Professor Ware; Consecrating Prayer, by Rev. Dr. Lathrop; Charge, by Rev. President Kirkland; Fellowship of the Churches by Rev. Charles Lowell; Concluding prayer by Rev. Mr. Parker of Portsmouth. The members composing the Ecclesiastical Council, with the professors, tutors and residents of Harvard University; also the Episcopal Clergy and Baptist ministers of the town, with all the clergy of the Boston association, with a large number of invited guests and the proprietors of pews in First Church, dined at Concert Hall. The whole was conducted with decency and in order.

SAMUEL BRADFORD Clerk.

July 18, 1813. Meeting of Proprietors, Sabbath Evening.

Voted That a committee be raised to request of Rev. Professor Ware a copy of his learned and excellent Discourse before the Congregation on the Day of the ordination of Rev. John L. Abbot.

Voted That same Committee request of Rev. President Kirkland a copy of his serious, energetic, and elegant Charge; and also to request of Rev. Mr. Lowell a copy of his pathetic and interesting Expression of the Fellowship of the Churches, delivered by them on the said occasion.

Voted That on procuring said Copies, a competent number be printed and disposed of by the Standing Committee.

Voted That the Deacons be the Committee to procure from the Rev. Gentlemen the copies above referred to. S. BRADFORD Clerk.

N.B. The Deacons applied to the Reverend Gentlemen; but they declined furnishing copies as requested.

October 17, 1813. Meeting of Society.

A letter was communicated from Rev. Mr. Abbot respecting the ill state of his health; whereupon Voted unanimously, that this church and congregation are deeply afflicted, and sincerely regret the indisposition and ill state of health of their reverend and beloved pastor; and they recommend that he comply with the advice of his Physicians, with respect [14] to a contemplated Voyage or Journey.

Voted That the Standing Committee be requested to inform the Rev. Pastor of the above vote, and to aid him in suitable arrangements for the same.

Voted That the expenses of supplying the Pulpit be paid by the Society during the absence of the Rev. Mr. Abbot, and that his salary be continued.

SAMUEL BRADFORD clerk.

Boston, October 18, 1813.

Rev. John L. Abbot,

Dear Sir, Your letter of the 17th inst. communicated to the First Church and Society was presented yesterday, and by them received with the most sincere sentiments of respect, sympathy, and affection, and while they bow with submission to the providence of God in his dispensation which is about to separate the Pastor from his Flock, we hope with the blessing of God, for the recovery and establishment of your health, and that we may have mutual cause to sing of mercy as of judgment. We inclose a copy of the votes of the Society, and in behalf of the Standing Committee are, Rev. and dear Sir, with sentiments of esteem and respect, your friends and obedient servants

(Signed) DAVID TILDEN
JAMES MORRILL } Deacons.

True Copy, Samuel Bradford Clerk.

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March 21, 1814. Meeting of Standing Committee.

Voted That the Deacons be, and are hereby authorized to give certificates to those persons who are entitled to a deed of a pew, until a Treasurer is chosen; that office being vacated by the death of their late Treasurer and Deacon David Tilden.

July 16.

Notifications dated and posted the 17th at the meeting house Chauncy Place for the annual meeting of the Society on Tuesday 26 said July at 4 o'clock P.M.

SAMUEL BRADFORD Clerk.

July 26, 1814. Annual meeting.

Deacon Morrill chosen Moderator.

James H. Foster, chosen Clerk.

James Morrill, James Thwing, William Smith, Enoch Huse, James Phillips, Edward Reynolds, Daniel Messinger, James H. Foster, Standing Committee.

James Thwing chosen Treasurer.

Voted That Ebenezer Claffin be Sexton, with a salary of one hundred and fifty Dollars.

Voted That the Thanks of the Society be given to Dea. James Morrill for his services and assistance to the late Treasurer in the duties of that office for [15] the last twenty-seven years.

Voted That the thanks of this Society be given to Col. Bradford for his Services.

Voted That this meeting be dissolved.

JAMES H. FOSTER Clerk.

Oath administered to the Clerk by

Samuel M. Thayer Esquire

August 25, 1814. Meeting Standing Committee.

Voted that deeds of the following pews be given to the following persons:

No. 11 to J. P. Bradlee. 76 Thomas T. Robinson.

80—Andrew Cunningham. 109 John Bradford.

72 Daniel Hastings. 121 Jacob Wyeth.

13 James Phillips.

October 17, 1814. Meeting of the Committee.

A letter received from Rev. Samuel Stearns at Andover, was read, of which the following is a copy:

My respected and worthy friend,

Being providentially at Andover, it devolves on me by the particular desire of Mr. Abbott, to announce to you the sudden removal by death of his Son your worthy Pastor, the Reverend J. L. Abbott. He departed this life twenty minutes before nine o'clock this morning. Mr. Abbott has thought it proper to acquaint you with this distressing providence, with the least possible delay, and will wait the decision of your Christian Society with regard to the funeral of the deceased. He wishes to submit the matter entirely to your pleasure and will cheerfully acquiesce in any arrangement which you may think proper to make. The Bearer of this will wait to know the result of your determinations respecting the funeral, which you will please to forward by him as soon as can be with convenience.

By particular desire, I subscribe in behalf of the afflicted friends of the deceased, Your friend and humble servant

SAMUEL STEARNS.

To Deacon James Morrill.

Andover, October 17, 1814.

Voted That the Society be notified in the public papers to meet at the meeting-house to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock, and that the Sexton be directed to notify such of the Society as he can of said meeting.

J. H. FOSTER Clerk.

October 18, 1814. Meeting of Society in Chauncy Place.

The above letter from Rev. Mr. Stearns was read.

Voted That the body of our late worthy and respected pastor be brought from Andover into this town for interment.

Voted That the Funeral be on Friday next from the meeting-house.

Voted That the Standing Committee make the necessary arrangements for the Funeral, and the expenses on the occasion to be paid by the Society.

[16] October 18, 1814. Meeting of the Committee.

Voted That Dea. Morrill and William Smith be a Committee to wait on

Rev. Edward Everett and request him to deliver an address or Sermon, as most agreeable to him, at the interment of our late worthy pastor, on Friday next.

Voted That Rev. President Kirkland, Rev. Dr. Lathrop, Rev. Isaac Smith, Rev. James Freeman, Rev. William E. Channing, and Rev. S. C. Thacher be requested to attend as pall bearers; and that Rev. Dr. Lathrop and Rev. J. McKean be requested to make prayers on the occasion.

Voted That the Services commence at 2 o'clock.

Voted That Deacon Morrill and William Smith be a committee to go to Andover and request of J. L. Abbot, Esquire the remains of our late pastor, and cause the same to be removed to Boston.

Voted That James H. Foster cause the pulpit to be shrouded.

Voted That Deacon Thwing, James Phillips, and Daniel Messinger be a Committee to have music prepared for the occasion.

October 23, 1814. Meeting of Society, after Service.

Voted That the Deacons of the Society be a committee to return thanks to Rev. Mr. Everett for his excellent discourse at the interment of our late Pastor, and to request a copy for the press.

Voted That the Deacons, if Mr. Everett complies, cause 500 copies of the Discourse to be printed for the use of the Society.

November 7, 1814. Meeting Standing Committee.

Voted That a deed of Pew No 45 be given to [blank] Gooch⁸ on a formal relinquishment of the same by E. O. Fifield.

December 5, 1814. Meeting of Committee.

Voted That a Committee of two be now appointed to settle with the late Treasurer, Mr. James Thwing, he having declined continuing in the office.⁹

Voted That James Morrill and William Smith be that Committee.

December 25, 1814. Meeting of the Society.

Voted That Mr. N. L. Frothingham be requested to preach four Sabbaths from and after the first Sabbath in January next.

⁸ David Tilden sold this pew to Ebenezer O. Fifield, April 24, 1810; Gooch sold to E. O. Fifield, March 21, 1815. (*File of Pew Deeds.*) Gooch's first name does not appear. It is possible that he was a creditor of Fifield's and had attached the pew.

⁹ Cf. pp. 632, 633.

[17] The following letter from the New South Society was communicated.

“Boston Dec. 22. 1814.

“Dea. James Morrill, Dear Sir, I am directed by the Committee
“of the New South Meeting House, to inclose you the following votes
“passed at their meeting the last evening. Respectfully O. W. Champney
“Voted, that the Societies in Federal Street and Chauncey Place be
“respectfully invited to attend the dedication of the new house on
“Thursday the 29th inst. and to join the procession which will move
“from the meeting house in Chauncey Place, precisely at 11 o'clock.
“Voted, That the abovementioned societies be requested to appoint two
“gentlemen from each society to assist the ladies with seats.”

Voted To accept the invitation, and that Deacon Morrill and Samuel Bradford be a Committee to wait on the Ladies.

J. H. FOSTER Clerk.

January 26, 1815. Meeting of the Society.

Called by the Standing Committee, by notification as follows.

Sir,

Boston, Jan. 24, 1815.

The Committee of the first Church request your attendance at the meeting-house on Thursday next 26th inst. at 3 o'clock P M. to consider the expediency of coming to the choice of a pastor of said Church to fill the place of the Rev. J. L. Abbot, deceased.

JAMES MORRILL Chairman.

To Proprietor of Pew No. [blank]

Voted That it is expedient to make choice of a pastor.

Voted That we do now proceed to the choice of a pastor.

Voted That a Committee of Three be appointed to Collect, count, and sort the votes.

Voted That Daniel Sargent, Josiah Bradlee, and Dea. Morrill be that committee.

The Committee reported the whole number to be fifty-four, and that Mr. Nathaniel Langdon Frothingham is unanimously elected.

Voted That for the support of Mr. Frothingham, he shall receive the sum of twenty-five Dollars per week; be furnished with the Parish Dwelling House, and with twenty-five cords of wood annually.

Voted That the Standing Committee be a committee to wait on Mr.

Frothingham with a copy of these votes, and request his acceptance of their election of him as their pastor.

Voted That as a contribution for the poor was omitted previous to the last Thanksgiving there shall be a collection on the first Sunday in February next for the poor of the Society.

[18] Voted That the Bills of Pew Taxes be made out quarterly, and that the Box pass in the House on the first Sabbaths in April, July, October, and January, to collect the taxes.

JAMES H. FOSTER Clerk.

February 12, 1815.

Rev. Mr. Holley preached this morning, and Rev. Mr. Lowell in the afternoon.

After the evening service, Mr. Lowell read to the Society a letter from Mr. Frothingham, communicating his acceptance of their invitation to become their pastor.¹

¹ Frothingham's acceptance was as follows:

To the Committee of the First Church and Congregation
in Boston.

Gentlemen,

It is not easy to address you on the subject of those votes of the First Church and Congregation, by which I am invited to become their pastor. They have awakened an interest and excited emotions, which I hardly expected ever to experience. The Christian ministry, even to the mind of youthful eagerness and confidence, which contemplates it at a distance, seems almost forbidding by its solemnity, its responsibility, its importance; by its labours, which the faithful servant of God must never remit; by its consequences, that extend beyond this life. How, then, must it appear to one, who is just assuming its arduous labours; to one, who has lived too little in the world to have learned much from experience; but who has lived long enough to suffer its disappointments and trials, and to drink of its bitterest cup?

To tell you with what views and purposes, my Christian Friends, I devoted myself to the study and to the teaching of the Sacred Scriptures, would be unnecessary, and perhaps improper. Neither is it for me to pronounce what my present resolutions and feelings ought to be; nor to profess what they are. With regard to the one you cannot be informed; and the other must rest with my conscience and my Judge.

Permit me to express to you, and to the Church and Congregation which you represent, my grateful acknowledgments for the candour and attention, with which my humble ministrations have been received; and for your united wish that I should labour among you in the profession of my deliberate, devoted choice. I praise God for the unanimity, with which this wish has been expressed; and hail it as a pledge of future confidence and attachment. It is a pledge, which revives within me those hopes of usefulness; which sometimes, when I considered the humbling disproportion

The Society being requested to tarry, it was

Voted That the Standing Committee be a committee to confer with our pastor elect, as to the time of ordination, and to make all necessary arrangements for the same.

J. H. FOSTER Clerk.

February 19, 1815.

Society requested to tarry after service, and the following note was communicated.

"Boston. Feb. 1815

"Gentlemen, The Committee chosen by the Legislature to consider the measures proper to be adopted on the official promulgation of Peace, have consulted with the selectmen respecting the illumination of the public buildings; it is their opinion that it would be expressive of the religious sense of the community on the blessings to be derived from the restoration of peace to our land, and to the whole christian world, if all the places of public worship should be illuminated on this occasion. You are therefore requested to take measures to illuminate the church under your care on the evening of the 22d inst. provided that official information of the cessation of hostilities should be received before that day.

Respectfully your obedient servant CHARLES BULFINCH.

Voted To submit the subject of the above to the Standing Committee to confer and act with committees of other churches on that subject.

Sunday, March 12, 1815.

The Society having tarried after service to receive a communication from their Committee of the arrangements made for the ordination of Mr. Frothingham, on Wednesday next; on motion of Mr. P. C. Brooks,

between my powers and attainments and virtues, and the duties to which they were to be consecrated, almost deserted me. My prayer is to that good Being, who alone can give strength to the feeble, and guidance to those, who are in doubtful paths; that He make me worthy to assert his cause, and teach his commandments, and serve in his temple; and that He suffer me not to faint in the way.

Relying on your affectionate aid, and above all, reposing my confidence in that assistance, which is from heaven, and is all-sufficient; I solemnly accept the charge to which you have appointed me. May the blessing of Almighty God rest upon the connexion, which we are to form; and may He grant that it may be conducive to our mutual instruction and virtue, our religious confidence and comfort and joy!

Nathaniel L. Frothingham.

Boston, February 8th 1815.

Voted That Ashur Benjamin, Peter C. Brooks, and Samuel Bradford, be a Committee to ascertain what alterations can be made to improve the passage into the house, and alter the ornaments over the pulpit window, with power to execute the same.

JAMES H. FOSTER Clerk.

[19] March 15, 1815.

This day, Rev. Mr. Frothingham was ordained pastor of the First Church and Congregation. Introductory Prayer, by Professor Ware. Sermon, by Rev. Joseph McKean. Consecrating Prayer, by Rev. William E. Channing. Charge, by Rev. John Lathrop. Fellowship of the Churches, by Rev. S. C. Thacher. Concluding Prayer, by Rev. Francis Parkman. Dinner being prepared by the Committee; after the religious solemnities of the day were over, the Ecclesiastical Council, the Clergy of Boston and its vicinity, with other invited guests, dined at Concert Hall.²

Lord's Day, March 19, 1815. Meeting after service.

Voted That the Deacons be a committee to wait on Rev. Dr. McKean, Rev. Dr. Lathrop, and Rev. Dr. Thacher, return them the thanks of the Society for their very excellent and appropriate performances at the ordination of Rev. Mr. Frothingham, and request of them copies for the press. Voted That if the several gentlemen comply with the request of the Society, that the Committee procure as many copies printed as they may judge sufficient for the use of the Society.

Copies obtained and printed.

Lord's Day Evening, March 26, 1815. Meeting of the Society in the Vestry.

Voted That the Committee for improving the passage into the meeting-house be empowered to repair the ceiling, and make all other repairs necessary in the meeting-house.

June 6, 1815. Meeting of the Committee.

Voted That Daniel Messinger, James Phillips, Edward Reynolds, and James H. Foster, be a Committee to take charge of the Organ Loft to agree with the organist for his salary, to superintend the music, etc.

Annual Meeting, July 18, 1815.

Deacon James Morrill, Moderator.

² "One hundred thirty-nine gentlemen and three officers" dined at a cost of \$203.95 to the Society. (*Church File*.)

James H. Foster, clerk.

Deacon James Morrill, William Smith, Daniel Sargent, Enoch Huse, Edward Reynolds, Daniel Messinger, James Phillips, Peter C. Brooks, and James H. Foster, Standing Committee.

Voted That Deacon Morrill be Treasurer.

Voted That Ebenezer Clafflin be sexton for the ensuing year, with a salary of 150 Dollars.

Voted That the salary of the Organist be two hundred Dollars, as per contract with the Committee.

[20] Voted That we do now confirm the Vote of January 26 last respecting the maintenance and support of Mr. Frothingham, viz. 25 dollars per week, the use of the parish house, and 25 cords of woods annually.

Whereas, at the annual meeting of this Society, 14 July, 1807, the Society Voted that it was expedient to sell the meeting house they occupied, and to erect a newhouse for public worship and four dwelling houses on their land in Summer Street, a committee was appointed to complete the business upon such terms and conditions as they might judge for the interest of the Society. The committee agreeably to their appointment, completed the business; in doing which they were under the necessity of borrowing money of sundry persons, and directed the Deacons in behalf of the Society to give their notes for the amount. The names of the persons to whom the notes are due, with the amount, are, Mrs. Clark, 2500\$, P. C. Brooks, 2000\$, Estate of Dea. Tilden 1000\$, Estate of J. Joy 2500\$, Estate of Samuel Torrey 1000\$, John Cunningham 1000\$, Miss Pitts 500\$, Mrs. Thwing 1000\$.

Voted That the present Deacons, or their successors in office, be directed to discharge the above named notes out of the first money not otherwise appropriated, that may come into the Treasury.

Voted To adjourn to Monday next, 4 o'clock P.M.

J. H. FOSTER Clerk.

Oath administered to clerk by W. Smith Esq.

July 24, 1815. Adjourned Meeting.

Voted That the sum of nine hundred Dollars be raised for the purpose of paying the bills for alterations and improvements in the meeting-house, di-

rected by a vote passed 12 March last; and that the Standing Committee assess each proprietor's pew according to its weekly tax.

Voted The meeting be dissolved.

J. H. FOSTER Clerk.

August 13, 1815.

This day a contribution made in the Churches for sufferers by fire in Petersburg, Va. \$212.66 was collected in this Society, and by Daniel Sargent paid over to a Committee to receive the collections.

November 6, 1815. Meeting of Committee.

Voted that pew No 123 be sold at auction for payment of the taxes.

JAMES H. FOSTER Clerk.

[21] Note given to Peter C. Brooks, dated Apr. 9, 1816, for 1000 dollars interest from 1st Jan. last, in lieu of a note due the estate of David Tilden for that sum. Signed by the Deacons in behalf of the Society.

An organ for the First Church was ordered to be made sometime about the year 1810: but from various causes was not received till this time. It arrived in the Ship Restitution from London, June 16, 1816, was received at the Vestry 19th, and used in public worship June 30.³

Annual Meeting, July 23, 1816.

Met agreeably to notifications posted 14th inst. Prayer by Rev. Mr. Frothingham.

Dea. Morrill chosen Moderator.

James H. Foster, chosen Clerk.

Dea. Morrill, James H. Foster, Enoch Huse, Edward Reynolds, Peter C. Brooks, James Phillips, Daniel Sargent, Daniel Messinger, and Turner Phillips, Standing Committee.

Dea. Morrill, chosen Treasurer.

Ebenezer Clafflin, Sexton: with salary of one hundred and fifty Dollars.

Meeting dissolved.

J. H. FOSTER Clerk.

Annual Meeting, July 29, 1817.

Met agreeably to notifications posted 20th inst. Prayer by Rev. Mr. Frothingham.

³ Cf. pp. 642, 649.

Dea. Morrill chosen Moderator.

James H. Foster, chosen Clerk.

Dea. Morrill chosen Treasurer.

Dea. Morrill, James H. Foster, Edward Reynolds, Peter C. Brooks, Daniel Sargent, James Phillips, Daniel Messinger, Turner Phillips, and Allen Crocker, Standing Committee.

Ebenezer Clafflen chosen Sexton, with the usual salary of 150 dollars.

Meeting dissolved. JAMES H. FOSTER Clerk.

Annual Meeting, July 28, 1818.

Met agreeably to notifications posted 19th instant.

All the Officers re-chosen, as of last year.

Voted that the proprietors of those pews on which more than one year's tax is due, be notified, that unless said taxes are paid within sixty Days, their pews will be sold for the payment.

Meeting dissolved. JAMES H. FOSTER Clerk.

April 1, 1819. Fast Day. Committee Meeting.

Voted That the clerk call a meeting of the Society on the 15th inst. to take into consideration the request of William Bainbridge and others; and also to consider of the propriety of selling the vacant lot of land.

[22] April 15, 1819. Proprietors' Meeting.

Met agreeable to notification, posted 4th instant.

Dea. Morrill chosen Moderator.

The following letter was read from the Chair.

“Boston 18 March, 1819.

“To Com. First Parish in Boston,

“Gentlemen, From a consideration of the great convenience it
“would be to us as well as many of the inhabitants of the southerly part
“of the town, we are induced to solicit your permission to open a way
“for foot passengers from Pond to Summer Street thro' Chauncy Place.
“The passage through the wall might be guarded by a turn-style or posts so
“as effectually to exclude all but foot passengers. This way, it is
“obvious, would greatly facilitate the intercourse between the two streets

“and also between the southern and central parts of the town, and would “especially accommodate those of us who live in Pond street, as well as “many others, in attending public worship in winter and the spring and “at other times when the walking is bad. Altho’ it would be so great a “convenience to us, we should not think it proper to make this request, “if we supposed it would in any measure disturb your society, or conduce “to the removal of the wall which separates the two courts. We assure “you, gentlemen, it is neither our object or wish to have an open way thro’ “the Court, and we feel persuaded that in considering the subject, you “will be satisfied that it will not be promoted in any degree by granting “our request. We have therefore taken the liberty to ask your attention “to the subject, and if you shall be satisfied it will not materially “incommode your society, that you will please to allow us to open a passage “in such manner and under such restrictions as you may think proper to “prescribe.

“We are, with great respect, your obedient servants—

“WILLIAM BAINBRIDGE	WILLIAM PRESCOTT
“SAMUEL G. PERKINS	BENJAMIN RICH
“DAVID ELLIS	RICHARD DERBY
“ELIZABETH PARSONS	JAMES JACKSON
“WALTER CHANNING, JR	JOHN BELLOWES
“BENJAMIN B. APPLETON	JOSIAH SALISBURY
“WARREN DUTTON.”	

Voted That the request of William Bainbridge and others be submitted to a special committee, and to report at the adjournment.

Voted That the Committee consist of five, viz. Benjamin Joy, James Morrill, Daniel Sargent, Daniel Messinger and James H. Foster.

Voted To refer to the Committee above chosen the subject disposing of the Land, and to report at the adjournment.

Voted That this meeting be adjourned to Thursday [23] of the next week, to meet in this place at four o’clock P.M. and that each proprietor be notified, and also that notice be given from the Desk on the next Sabbath. Adjourned.

April 22, 1819. Adjourned Meeting.

The Committee appointed at the last meeting presented their report, which was read by the Moderator. Some alteration and modification being made, the report was as follows, namely,

"The Committee to whom was referred the request of William Bainbridge and others, and also the question as to the expediency of selling a part of the Society's land, ask leave to report the following votes upon the same respectively.

Whereas Commodore Bainbridge and others have requested permission to make a communication between Pond Street and Chauncy Place by opening the brick wall belonging to the Church, for the accommodation of foot passengers only.

Voted that altho' the Proprietors of this Church are not without their apprehensions that even such a communication may have a tendency to disturb the peace and quiet of the place, which so dear to them as a religious congregation, and so important to the schools which are kept in the lower apartments of the meeting-house; yet being desirous to act a neighbourly part, and in consideration of the respect they have for the applicants, they consent that such an opening made be made, under the direction and superintendence of a Committee of the Church, and under such restrictions and conditions as said Committee may prescribe.

PROVIDED that it be distinctly understood that the Proprietors of this Church will close the said communication whenever they shall find it inconvenient to let it remain open.

Voted That it is expedient to sell a part of the Society's land lying south-westerly of the meeting house, sufficient for one dwelling house, upon condition that no other than a brick house shall be built thereon, and also upon condition that no part of said house shall be nearer to the meeting-house than the distance of forty-five feet.

JAMES MORRILL, per order.

Voted That the first vote in the above Report be accepted, and be submitted to the same Committee to superintend and carry into effect.

Voted That the consideration of the second vote be postponed to the next annual meeting.

Meeting dissolved.

J. H. FOSTER Clerk.

[24] Annual Meeting, July 27, 1819.

Met agreeably to notifications posted 17th instant.

Dea. James Morrill, Moderator.

James H. Foster, Clerk.

James Morrill, Treasurer.

James Morrill, James H. Foster, Edward Reynolds, Peter C. Brooks, Daniel Sargent, James Phillips, Daniel Messinger, Turner Phillips, and Allen Crocker, Standing Committee.

Ebenezer Clafflin, Sexton, with salary of 150 dollars.

Meeting dissolved. (signed) JAMES MORRILL Moderator.

Annual Meeting, August 1, 1820.

Met agreeably to notifications posted 22 July last.

Officers all rechosen, as at last meeting.

Voted That Daniel L. Gibbens, Levi Bliss, and David Francis be a committee to call on delinquent proprietors for payment of the pew Tax, and also to inform them that the Standing Committee are directed to sell their pews according to the tenor of their deeds, unless said taxes are paid.

Voted That the petition of Ebenezer Clafflin be referred to the Standing Committee, with power to act thereon.

Voted That the collection of taxes on the sabbath be omitted.

Voted That this meeting be dissolved.

Oath administered by Turner
Phillips, Esquire.

JAMES H. FOSTER Clerk.

Annual Meeting, July 31, 1821.

Met agreeably to notifications, posted 21st instant.

James Morrill chosen Moderator.

The votes were collected for a Clerk for the year, and David Francis was elected; but he not being present, Daniel L. Gibbens was appointed Clerk pro tempore.

Deacon Morrill, Deacon Foster, Edward Reynolds, Peter C. Brooks, Daniel Sargent, James Phillips, Daniel Messinger, Turner Phillips and Allen Crocker, Standing Committee.

James Morrill, Treasurer.

Voted That the Standing Committee be authorized to appoint a Sexton from time to time during the Year, and to fix his salary, not to exceed his compensation last year.

Voted That a Committee of four be appointed to examine the Treasurer's accounts, and to report on the financial concerns of the Society. [25] Daniel L. Gibbens, Samuel Floyd, E. T. F. Richardson, and Ralph Huntington, chosen Committee.

Voted That Ralph Huntington, James Phillips, and Samuel Floyd be a committee to collect the dues from delinquent pewholders.

Voted That this meeting be adjourned to 25th September next; then to hear the report of the Committees.

Copied from the minutes of D. L. Gibbens,

DAVID FRANCIS Clerk.

Oath administered Clerk by Turner Phillips esq.

Adjourned Meeting, September 25, 4 o'clock P.M.

Met agreeably to notifications posted at the meeting house.

Records of the last meeting read.

Committee on the State of the Treasury reported as follows:

“The Committee appointed to examine the Treasurer’s accounts, etc. “having attended that service, ask to report, that on referring to the “Society’s Books they find their duties very limited, inasmuch as it “appears that the accounts have been examined from year to year by a “subcommittee appointed by the Standing Committee. The last examination was had on the 11 July last, as appears by the Certificates of Allen “Crocker and Turner Phillips, at which time there was a balance in the “Treasurer’s hands of 199 dollars 43 cts. The Committee feel great “delicacy in going behind the Record, and investigating accounts which “are certified to be right by a Committee composed of gentlemen in whom “they have the fullest confidence: they therefore have only to state “that the property of the Society consists of Real Estate, as follows:

“Brick Meeting-house in Chauncy Place.

“Vacant lot of land in do.

“Four Brick Houses on Summer Street-

“That the annual income is,

“Rent of two houses.	550\$ each	\$1100.00
“do. one	oo.	500.00
“Taxes on Pews		1699.36
“Rent of Cellar under the Church		137.00
“Do. of 3 School Rooms, 2 at present vacant		310.00
		3746.36

“That the annual expenses are,

“Minister’s Salary	1300.00
“Wood, for Minister	160.00
“Sexton’s Salary	150.00

“Organist and Singer	252.00
“Insurance	60.00
“Wood for Meeting-house	48.00
“Interest on debt	<u>712.20</u>
	2682.20

[26] “Leaving a surplusage of 1064\$ 16 cts. to be applied to the
“extinguishment annually of the Society’s debts which consists of

“1 Note to P. C. Brooks	\$3000.00
“1 Note John Cunningham	1000.00
“1 Note Ruth Thwing	1000.00
“1 Note Esther Clarke	2200.00
“1 Note Joseph Joy	1000.00
“1 Note James Morrill	2500.00
“1 Note Miss Pitts	<u>1170.00</u>
	<u>\$11870.</u>

“The Committee have made no estimate of the probable amount of repairs,
“because it is represented to them that the buildings are in very perfect
“order.

“Before closing, they beg to recommend, that instead of the sub-
“committee as heretofore, there be in future annually chosen from the
“Proprietors at large a Committee of Three whose duty it shall be to
“examine the accounts of the Treasurer, and report on the financial
“concerns of the Society at the annual meeting subsequent to their
“appointment.

“DANIEL L. GIBBENS,
(signed) “E. T. F. RICHARDSON,
“RALPH HUNTINGTON.”

The above report unanimously accepted, and agreeably to recommenda-
tion a Committee was appointed to audit and to report on the Treasurer’s
accounts at the next annual meeting. The following were elected the
Committee, Daniel L. Gibbens, Joseph Otis, and Samuel Floyd.

The Committee appointed to wait upon the delinquent proprietors re-
ported verbally, that they had called upon the several gentlemen, and had
minuted the answers received upon the backs of the Bills which were
handed to the Treasurer.

Voted That the Treasurer immediately notify the proprietors of pews 3,
70, 72, 124, 127, that unless their taxes are paid within three months, the
said pews be sold at auction agreeably to the tenor of the deeds.

Turner Phillips stated his regret, that the last meeting should have been

passed over without paying even a small tribute to the exertions of Deacon Foster, our late Clerk, and he now moved, That the Thanks of the Society be presented him for his faithful and unremitting exertions during the whole time he has performed the duties of the office.

Which motion was unanimously accepted.

The meeting was then adjourned to meet in this place this day thirteen weeks.

DAVID FRANCIS Clerk.

[27] Adjourned Meeting, December 25, 1821.

The Chairman reported that he had notified all the owners of pews No 3, 70, 72, 124, 127, agreeably to a vote of the last meeting; from one only of whom he had received an answer, in which he promises to pay half the amount of his dues in the first week of January next, and the remainder in May. In consideration of which,

Voted That pews 3, 72, 127, be positively sold at auction, to defray delinquent taxes, on 21st January next, and that pews No 70, 124 be also sold at same time unless the owner complies with the tenor of his letter to the Treasurer. Adjourned.

Annual Meeting. July 30, 1822.

Met agreeably to notifications posted 21st instant.

Rev. Pastor opened the meeting with prayer.

Deacon Morrill chosen Moderator.

The records read of the last annual and subsequent meeting, and before proceeding to the choice of Clerk,

Voted That the Committee of Finance be requested to make their report: which was done by the Chairman, as follows.

The Committee appointed, etc. report That on a careful examination of the Treasurer's Accounts they find them fairly kept, rightly cast, and properly vouched. That he has received during the past Year

For Rents	1475.75
For Pew Taxes	1766.68
D. Francis' Note and interest	86.20
G. M. Gibbens for a pew	60.60
Premium on Bost. mon.	3.04
Balance of last year in hand	199.43
	<u>\$3591.70</u>

That he has paid during the same time,

Rev. Mr. Frothingham, in part of salary	1125.00
Organist 200. Miss Lincoln 46	246.00
Sexton 1 year's salary	150.00
Commission on Collections	79.06
Sundry Services of Sexton	30.74
Wood for Pastor and Church	176.67
Slating Parish Houses	527.90
Eldad Brown for Repairs	167.48
Incidental Expenses, Buckets, etc.	243.42
Mary Simpson, Note and Interest	339.95
Interest on Sundry notes	450.
Insurance	60.
Loss on uncurrent money	12.65
Convention Dinner	21.27
Rev. Mr. Colman ⁴ for services	60. <u>\$3690.14</u>
Leaving a balance due the Treasurer on the 15th	98.44
Since which he has paid for repairs	167.50
Rev. Mr. F. in full of salary to 10th inst	200.00
[28] That he has received for rent for Pew taxes	412.50
	386.59 <u>799.09</u>
Leaving a balance due from the Treasurer,	<u>\$333.15</u>

The Committee in further discharge of their duty, present the following schedule of property, and the income arising from the same.

Brick meeting-house in Chauncy Place.

21 Pews on the lower floor, most of which are occupied, appraised at	6225.00
9 Pews in Gallery, appraised at	1150.00
Vacant lot in Chauncy Place	
Two Brick Houses at 550, each, one at 500	1600.00
One Parsonage House	
3 School Rooms at rent (1 vacant)	200.00
Cellar	137.00
Taxes on Pews	1699.36
Annual Income	3636.36

⁴ Henry Colman (1785-1849) Dartmouth, 1805, also Harvard, 1806; minister New North Church, Hingham, 1807-1820; Salem, 1825-1831. Farmer; traveled extensively and died in England where Lady Byron caused a monument to be erected over his grave.

Annual Expenses as follows:

Minister's Salary	1300
25 Cords of wood	140
Sexton's Salary	150
Organist and Assistant	252
Insurance	60
Interest on Notes	693
Wood for Church	50
Incidental Expenses, say	<u>191.36</u> 2836.36

As two of the houses are leased on the condition that the occupants shall make all necessary repairs for five years, and as the other buildings are represented to be in very perfect repair, it is a reasonable calculation that at least eight hundred dollars may be applied annually to the reduction of the Society's debts, which are as follows.

Peter C. Brooks	3000.
John Cunningham	1000.
Ruth Thwing	1000.
Esther Clarke	2200.
Joseph Joy	1000
James Morrill	2500
Same, as agent	<u>850.</u> <u>11550.</u>

(Signed) D. L. GIBBENS.
JOSEPH OTIS.

Voted to proceed to the choice of Clerk:

David Francis elected; and the oath of office administered at the time, by Turner Phillips, Esquire.

Voted To be observed as a standing rule, that the Clerk attend all meetings of the Standing Committee, and keep a record of their doings.

Voted To proceed to the choice of a standing Committee.

As it was understood that a number of votes would be handed in by proxy;

Voted That none but a written power be accepted, whole number of votes 67, necessary to a choice 34, [29] the following gentlemen having above that number, were chosen.

James Morrill	James H. Foster
Daniel Sargent	Daniel Messinger
Peter C. Brooks	Edward Reynolds
Turner Phillips	Allen Crocker

Voted That the Clerk be added, and constitute the ninth member.

Voted That the Thanks of the Society be presented to Dea. James Morrill for his very valuable and gratuitous services as Treasurer for Seven Years past.

Voted That the Thanks of the Society be given to Mr. James Phillips for his services as one of the Standing Committee for many years past.

Voted To proceed to the choice of Treasurer. James Morrill, elected.

Voted That Ebenezer Clafflin be continued Sexton with a Salary of one hundred and fifty Dollars.

Daniel L. Gibbens, Joseph Otis, and Josiah Danforth were chosen Committee of Finance.

Voted That a Committee of Three be appointed to examine the Church Records, and to ascertain if any act of incorporation has ever been granted the Society, and to report at the next annual meeting.

Voted That Joseph T. Buckingham, Josiah Bradlee, and Daniel L. Gibbens be that Committee.

Adjourned.

D. F. Clerk.

Lord's Day afternoon, September 8, 1822. Committee.

A communication from the managers of the Female Asylum,⁵ requesting the use of the Church for religious services on their anniversary, 20th instant, was read, and granted.

Lord's Day, October 6, 1822. Committee Meeting.

Col. Messinger represented that the organ was very much out of repair; that it appears not to have been properly put up, and that, upon consulting an experienced player, he gave it as his opinion that it might be made one of the best in town, many of its tones being entirely lost, or were never brought into action. He stated, that the expense might be about 200 dollars, and moved that a Committee be appointed to employ an experienced organ builder to do all things necessary to make the instrument perfect.

Voted That Daniel Messinger, James Phillips, and James H. Foster be the Committee, with power to see the work completed.

Lord's Day, May 4, 1823. Committee Meeting.

Application by Henry Cabot for renting the Society's [30] Dwelling-house, lately occupied by his father, who wished it upon the same terms, with a request that a thorough repair be made;

⁵ Cf. p. 452.

Voted That Deacon Morrill be authorized to lease the said house for five years at the annual rent of 550 dollars, the Lessee to make such repairs as he shall see fit.

The Treasurer stated That by a vote of the Society, Sept. 25, 1821, in regard to selling certain pews for delinquent taxes had not been completely fulfilled, and desiring the sense of the Committee thereon,

Voted That Dea. Morrill give notice to the owner of Pews No 70 and 124, that unless the taxes due be paid before the 1st day of July next, the said pews be positively sold at auction for the purpose of paying such taxes.

Lord's Day, May 11, 1823. Committee Meeting.

Deacon Morrill stated that he had given Mr. Cabot the vote of the committee, and that Mr. C. understood that he was to have it (the house) upon the same terms as those of his father and Judge Parker; Committee considered the subject.

Voted That Mr. Cabot have the lease of the house upon the same terms as those of Judge Parker, namely annual rent of 550 dollars for 5 years, allowing 130 dollars for repairs.

Application from Mr. William Emerson, to build for him a School House in the vacant lot;

Voted That the Deacons confer with Mr. Emerson, and in case he would lease such a building for four years, to call a meeting of the proprietors.

Request of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery for the use of the Church the first Monday in June, was granted.

Annual Meeting. May 26, 1823.

Agreeably to usual notice given, by posting and from the pulpit, the proprietors met to consider of the expediency of building a school room in the vacant lot.

Dea. Foster reported that Mr. Emerson was ready to give 150 dollars a year for four years.

Mr. B. Joy remarked that Judge Jackson had requested whenever the Society were to make any disposal of the land, that he might have it for his own use.

Voted that the subject be referred to a special committee to confer with the parties, and report at a meeting to be held on 3d June next.

Voted That Deacon Morrill, Deacon Foster, Daniel Sargent, Joseph Otis, Stephen Glover, be the Committee.

Mr. Gibbens called the attention of the meeting to the state of the Choir. He observed that it was necessary to have a singing school, in order to bring forward such persons as feel an inclination to succeed our present very excellent choristers, who may from time [31] to time be obliged to leave the seats, and to whose gratuitous and generous services he paid a becoming compliment.

Voted to refer the subject to the committee just chosen on the school room. Voted that the Standing Committee cause an alteration to be made in the hanging of the sashes in the lower tier of Windows, for the more convenient admission of air.

Adjourned.

D. F. Clerk.

June 3, 1823. Adjourned Meeting.

Committee on the School Room reported, that they had met, and given notice to the parties interested of such meeting, but had received no communication.

Voted that all further proceedings in this business do cease.

The same Committee reported progress on the singing school; Voted that the subject be deferred until the Annual Meeting; meeting dissolved.

D. FRANCIS Clerk.

Annual Meeting. July 29, 1823.

Met in pursuance of the usual notifications.

Rev. Pastor opened the meeting with prayer.

Deacon Morrill chosen moderator.

David Francis chosen Clerk: who being absent, Joseph T. Buckingham was elected pro. tem.

Records of the past meeting in the year were then read. The Committee of Finance presented their annual report, which was read and accepted: namely

“The Committee of Finance submit the following: That they have examined the Books and Accounts of the Treasurer, and find them correctly kept, and properly vouched.

That he has received during the past year for rents, pew

taxes etc. deducting 79.28 for collection,	\$4128.70
Borrowed of the Deacons, as trustees of a fund	609.
Balance in hand at last yearly settlement	<u>333.15</u>

5070.85

That he has paid, during the year

Minister's Salary	1300.
Wood for Minister	127.25
Sundry Bills for Music	270.33
Repairs on the Organ	150.00
Sexton's Salary, premium on collections, etc.	266.84
Interest on Debts	777.49
Note originally held by P. C. Brooks, transferred to Deacon Morrill, and now constituting a Claim on the Society in his favour	
	1000.00 3891.91
[32] Amount brought over	
One Note of Cunningham's, cancelled by borrowing 609 dollars as above	1000.
Incidental Expenses, Insurance etc.	397.84
	5289.75

Leaving a balance due Treasurer \$218.90, but that a considerable amount of the last quarter's dues have been collected by the Treasurer, which, if brought into the account would result in a balance due the society.

The Committee would remark that the condition and prospects of the Society in relation to its funds are very similar to those of the last year, and for a more particular account of the receipts and expenditures, they refer to the last annual report.

D. L. GIBBENS,
(Signed) JOSEPH OTIS,
ISAAC DANFORTH."

Standing Committee. Deacon Morrill, Deacon Foster, Daniel Sargent, Turner Phillips, Edward Reynolds, Daniel Messinger, Peter C. Brooks, Allen Crocker, David Francis.

James Morrill chosen Treasurer.

Ebenezer Claffin continued Sexton, with a salary of one hundred and fifty Dollars.

Daniel L. Gibbens, Joseph Otis, and Isaac Danforth, committee of Finance.

The Chairman of the Committee to whom was referred at the last annual meeting the examination of the records, and the consideration of the expediency of applying to the Legislature for an act of incorporation, reported a statement of facts, and the individual opinion of the Committee.

Voted That the Standing Committee be directed to apply to the Legisla-

ture at its next session for an act of incorporation, granting to the Society the customary privileges and powers of similar societies.

Voted That the Standing Committee be authorized to use discretionary powers in relation to the sale of pews on which taxes have been due more than three months.

Voted That the Standing Committee be authorized to institute a Singing School whenever they think it expedient.

Meeting dissolved.

August 10, 1823. Society Meeting.

Deacon Morrill chosen Moderator: who observed, that Rev. Dr. Lowell's Church was to be repaired, and that the congregation would no doubt wish to be accommodated with seats in other churches; [33] He therefore hoped the Society would present a formal invitation to said parish to take seats with us.

Voted That the Proprietors of this Church present their respects and a cordial invitation to Rev. Mr. Lowell's Society to take seats with them during the time their place of worship is undergoing repairs.

Voted That Rev. Mr. Frothingham be desired to present this invitation.

November 30, 1823. Society Meeting.

Deacon Morrill in the chair; who informed, that agreeably to a recommendation passed at the last annual meeting, he thought it time to call up the subject of a singing school, and requested gentlemen to express their minds on the occasion.

Voted That it is expedient to open a Singing School for the term of three months.

Voted That Daniel L. Gibbens, Samuel Floyd, and Ebenezer Clathingham⁶ be a committee to engage a suitable master, and make arrangements for opening said school.

Voted That the Standing Committee have the superintendence of the School when under operation.

December 14, 1823. Committee Meeting.

The Chairman of the subcommittee on the singing school reported That they had engaged a suitable teacher, and recommended that the room be opened the next Wednesday Evening.

⁶ i.e. *Frothingham*.

February 8, 1824. Committee Meeting.

Deacon Morrill stated, that he had requested this meeting, in order to appoint a subcommittee to advise with him in that part of his duty relative to the payment of Bills. He had been in the habit of using his own judgment, but it would gratify him to have one or two joined in the responsibility.

Voted that Deacon Foster and the Clerk be a committee to examine and approve all bills before paid.

March 28, 1824. Committee Meeting. To consult on the subject of the singing school.

The Chairman of subcommittee reported progress, and wished the school continued until the 1st May, when he thought the scholars would be prepared to sit in the Loft. Which was Voted in the affirmative.

It was thought advisable that some scientific singer should be engaged for leading the new choristers, when they take their seats.

Voted That Dea. Foster, D. Messinger, D. L. Gibbens, Ebenezer Frothingham, and S. Floyd to be a committee to select a person.

[34] The Standing Committee have contracted with Mr. Eldad Brown to rebuild the wood houses attached to the Society's Estate in Summer Street.

April 11, 1824. Society Meeting.

Voted That having understood it to be the intention of the Society worshipping in Brattle Street to make some repairs on their church, we do cordially invite them to worship at the First Church during that interval; and that our pastor communicate these wishes to Rev. Mr. Palfrey.

June 6, 1824. Society Meeting.

Rev. Mr. Frothingham laid before the Society a letter from the Mayor, inclosing a recommendation of the City Council, that a collection be taken up in the several churches in Boston for the relief of the sufferers by fire in Newcastle, Delaware; the subject was duly considered, and finally Voted that the subject be indefinitely postponed.

June 13, 1824. Church Meeting.

Inviting Delegates at the ordination of Rev. E. S. Gannet.

Annual Meeting. July 27, 1824.

Met in pursuance of notifications duly posted, 17th.

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Meeting opened by prayer, by Rev. Pastor.

Dea. Morrill chosen Moderator.

David Francis chosen Clerk.

Records for the past year read by the Clerk.

Standing Committee. Dea. Morrill, Dea. Foster, D. Messinger, P. C. Brooks, J. P. Bradlee, Charles Sprague, Ebenezer Chadwick, D. L. Gibbens, and D. Francis.

The Committee of Finance beg leave to report:

That they have examined the accounts of the Treasurer, and find them rightly cast, and properly vouched. That he has charged himself with the following sums, viz.

Received for rents	2012.50	2012.50
Taxes on Pews	1803.52	
deduct commissions	80.33	1723.25
Amount collected for sufferers at		
Wiscasset and Alna		118.35
Of the Deacons to pay Brooks	2000.00	
	5854.10	

That he charges the Society with the balance

due him on settlement	218.90
Interest paid on Notes	811.26
Isaac Winslow for Wiscasset sufferers	118.35
Insurance	60
	1208.51

[35]	Amount brought over 1201.51
Salary to Organist, Singer, and Sexton	409.00
Repairs	1299.90
Minister's salary in part	1050.00
Incidental, wood, etc.	405.44
2 Notes, transferred	2000.00 5164.34
	6372.85

Leaving a balance due Dea. Morrill of 518.75.

There are outstanding demands against the Society including balance due Rev. Mr. F. and interest on notes, which they estimate at 1250\$. There are no funds to meet these claims, and the balance due the Treasurer, except some uncollected rents and pew taxes, amounting probably to 800\$. And as it is understood that further repairs of the side walk and in the

Court are absolutely necessary, it is to be regretted that no reasonable calculation can be made on any reduction of the permanent debt, the ensuing year. It will readily be perceived that this result, so different from the expectation authorized by the Financial Reports of the two preceding years, is brought about by the necessary though unlooked for expenditure of about 2000 dollars on the Estates.

The demands are as follows. Permanent debt.

Note held by J. Joy	1000.
Ruth Thwing	1000.
Mrs. Clarke	2200.
James Morill	4500
Mary Pitts	500
Same	330
Dea. Foster	1000
Charity fund	<u>609</u> \$11,139.00

For the whole amount of the above sum the Society have been, and now are, paying an interest of six per cent. Your Committee are persuaded that a very considerable saving may be made in this respect, as they are assured that money may be obtained, with such security as this society is able to give at $4\frac{1}{2}$, or at most 5 per cent. They therefore recommend that a Committee be appointed to obtain a loan of 1100 dollars forthwith, on the best terms practicable, provided that a preference shall be given to the present holders of the notes at the lowest rate of interest offered by others, and that the Standing Committee be authorized to issue notes in the name and behalf of the Society to the above amount, and to cancel those now held against us.

D. L. GIBBENS }
(Signed) JOSEPH OTIS } Committee.

Voted That a Committee be appointed to inquire upon what terms a loan can be obtained.

Voted That Stephen Glover, Levi Bliss, and Joseph Otis be that committee.

[36] Dea. James Morrill chosen Treasurer.

Ashur Benjamin, Isaac Danforth, Henry Cutter, Committee of Finance.

Voted Ebenezer Clafflin be continued Sexton, with a Salary of 150 Dollars.

Voted That the Standing Committee give immediate attention to the reparation of the side walk leading to the church.

Voted That the thanks of the Society be presented to Messrs. Daniel Sargent, Turner Phillips, Allen Crocker, and Edward Reynolds for their faithful and attentive services as members of the Standing Committee for a number of years past.

Dissolved.

D. F. Clerk.

September 13, 1824. Committee Meeting.

Dea. Morrill exhibited a statement of expenses in repairing Real Estate, amounting to [blank].

He observed that one thousand Dollars were wanted, besides the money on hand, to meet these demands:

Voted that the amount be borrowed at 6 per cent. for one year.

Voted That Deacon Foster be auditor of accounts for the year.

Voted That Daniel Messinger, James H. Foster, and James Phillips be a Committee to superintend the Singing Loft.

April 8, 1825. Committee Meeting.

The Committee appointed at the annual meeting to ascertain the rate of interest at which 1100 Dollars can be borrowed, reported that it could be obtained for ten years for 5 per cent. payable in yearly instalments at option. It being understood that the present holders of the notes would renew them upon the above terms.

Voted that preference be given to them, and that an exchange of notes be effected without delay.

Proceeded to make and sign the new notes: and the following list exhibits the names of the owners, and the amounts.

July 5, 1824	Esther Clarke	\$1200.
July 14, 1824	James Morrill	
	for heirs of M. G. Pitts	830.
Nov. 16, 1824	Ruth Thwing	1000.
Sept. 17, 1824	James Morrill	2500.
Oct. 4, 1824	Charles C. Clarke	1000.
Nov. 14, 1824	Joseph G. Joy	1000.
Jan. 16, 1825	James Morrill	1000.
Feb. 12, 1825	James Morill	1000.
Ap. 1, 1825	Deacons, as Trustees	609. 10,139.00
[37] Jan. 16, 1825	James H. Foster	1000. 10,139.00
	James Morrill	1000. 2000.00
		<u>12 139.00</u>

The above notes are all made payable in ten years, with interest at 5 per cent, payable semi-annually; except the last note, which comes not under the arrangement, and which bears interest at 6 per cent. All subject to the condition that the Society may make such annual payments on the principal as may be convenient.

May 29, 1825. Society Meeting.

The Pastor notified the meeting from the Desk, and tarried to inform the Society that repairs were making upon the meeting-house on Church Green, and that it was probable the worshippers there would have to leave for a few sabbaths; and asked if it would be agreeable to have them invited to take seats with us.

Voted That Rev. Mr. Frothingham be requested to give an invitation to Rev. Mr. Young's Society to join with us in public worship during the time of their seclusion from their own church.

Annual Meeting. August 2, 1825.

Met agreeably to notifications posted in the Porch.

Meeting opened with prayer, by the Rev. Pastor.

Records of the preceding meetings within the year were read by the Clerk.
Deacon Morrill chosen Moderator.

David Francis chosen Clerk.

James Morrill, James H. Foster, Daniel Messinger, Peter C. Brooks, James Phillips, David Francis, Daniel L. Gibbens, Ebenezer Chadwick, Joseph Otis, Standing Committee.

Deacon Morrill chosen Treasurer.

Charles Sprague, Matthew M. Hunt, George Barker, chosen Committee of Finance.

Voted That the present Committee be requested to examine the books for the past year, as the Committee chosen for that purpose were out of town, and could not attend to it.

Voted that Ebenezer Clafflin be continued Sexton, with the usual salary.

Voted That in future, all deeds shall be legal and sufficient when signed by the two deacons for the time being.

Oath administered to clerk by Justice Parker.

Meeting dissolved.

D. FRANCIS, Clerk.

[38] January 26, 1826. Committee Meeting.

To take into consideration the present state of the Singing Choir, which was thought to need some additional help.

Voted That it is expedient to have some new arrangement in the Singing Loft, by the introduction of some gentleman as a constant Leader.

Voted That James Phillips and Daniel Messinger be a committee to ascertain if a suitable person can be procured to take the lead of the choristers, and at what compensation; and to report at an early day.

Voted That the compensation to the present female singer be at the rate of 75 dollars a year.

February 5, 1826. Committee Meeting.

Sub-committee on the singing, reported progress, and wished farther powers.

Voted that said Committee have full powers to treat with some one to take the lead in the choir, and to determine his compensation.

April 10, 1826.

The Committee met to consider the application of Mr. Mallet, the organist, for the privilege of being allowed the Church for the purpose of giving a concert of Sacred Music.

Voted That the request be granted, and that the same be signified to Mr. Mallet.

May 14, 1826. Committee Meeting.

At the request of the Singers, who desire some alteration in the seats of the Loft.

Voted to leave the arrangement to the sub-committee on the singing.

May 16, 1826. Notice.

Samuel P. Gardner, Esq. this day lodged with the clerk a written paper, signifying his right to build upon the borders of his land next the Church, however much it may obstruct the light to the west windows thereof.

Annual Meeting. August 1, 1826.

Met in pursuance of notifications duly posted at the Porch.

Meeting opened with prayer by the Pastor.

Deacon Morrill chosen Moderator.

The following communication was received from Rev. Mr. Frothingham.

Boston 15 July 1826

“My respected Friends, A number of circumstances combine at this

"time, to favour my desire of spending a winter abroad. Relying therefore
"on the kindness [39] which I have experienced from the worshippers at the
"First Church for more than eleven years, I respectfully request leave of
"absence till the next summer. Will you have the goodness to lay this
"request before the parish at the approaching annual meeting, and give it
"your support so far as may be necessary and consistent with your feelings.
"My proposal is to supply the pulpit at my own charge till I return, and
"in whatever way shall seem most satisfactory. With sentiments of great
"respect, etc.

N. L. FROTHINGHAM."

"To the Standing Com. First Church."

The moderator stated that the Standing Committee were in favour of granting the request, reserving to themselves the selection of the preachers during the absence of Mr. Frothingham.

Mr. Charles Sprague laid before the meeting the following preamble and votes:

The respected pastor of this Society having requested leave of absence for the purpose of passing a year in Europe, and the people to whom he has been so long endeared by the faithful and acceptable discharge of his sacred office, feeling happy, at whatever sacrifice, to testify their affection and respect for his character as a man and a minister:

Voted That the Society cheerfully accede to the request of Rev. Mr. Frothingham for leave of absence, as expressed in his letter of application to the Standing Committee.

Voted That the Salary of the Pastor be continued to him during his absence, and that the Standing Committee take due measures to supply the desk until his return, at the expense of the Society.

Voted That [blank], together with the Deacons, be a Committee forthwith to wait on Rev. Mr. Frothingham and communicate to him the foregoing votes: to express to him that his Society are deeply sensible of the sacrifice they are making, but that they do it the more willingly in the hope that he will receive it as a manifestation of their regard for his wishes; and especially to assure him of their earnest prayer that a good providence may go with him in the days of his absence, bear him safe through the perils of sea and land, and in due season restore him in health and comfort to the family and the people of his love.

Voted That the above be considered by paragraphs; which being done, the whole were adopted, and Charles Sprague, Nathaniel Goddard, James Phillips, and Edward Reynolds, joined with the Deacons, to deliver them to the Pastor.

[40] Proceeded to the choice of Officers for the Year.

David Francis elected Clerk.

James Morrill, elected Treasurer.

James Morrill, James Foster, Peter C. Brooks, Daniel Messinger, Charles Sprague, Daniel L. Gibbens, Joseph Otis, Ebenezer Chadwick and David Francis, Standing Committee.

The Committee on accounts reported that they had examined the Treasurer's books, and entered therein a certificate, which states that they found the accounts well vouched, rightly cast, etc.

Voted That a Committee of Finance be chosen whose duty it shall be to give a detailed statement of the property of the Society, of the nature and value thereof, of the income and expenses, and all other items proper to be known by the members, and to make report as soon as convenient: To inform the Standing Committee when ready, who are desired to call a special meeting of the proprietors.

Voted That William Goddard, William Hayden, and John F. Loring be this Committee of Finance.

Voted That Ebenezer Clafflin be continued Sexton upon the usual terms.

August 1, 1826. Committee Meeting.

Met for the purpose of making arrangements to supply the Pulpit.

Voted That the Deacons and Daniel L. Gibbens be a committee to engage the preachers to supply for the term of three months.

December 12, 1826. Committee Meeting.

The subcommittee for supplying the Desk, desire the sense of the Standing Committee upon the manner in which they had performed the duty, for the last four months. They hoped the committee and the proprietors generally were satisfied with their exertions, which had been unremitting to obtain the best preachers, and that they had at times found it difficult to obtain clerical gentlemen unengaged.⁷ The Committee expressed their decided approbation, and

Voted That the same gentlemen be requested to continue as formerly to sustain the office of providing for the pulpit the coming three months.

March 12, 1827. Committee Meeting.

Request from Judge Parker for repairs on the House which he occupies.

[41] Voted that the Deacons be a Committee to superintend such re-

⁷ The following clergymen supplied the desk during this period: I. H. T. Blanchard, Ralph Waldo Emerson, Jonathan Farr, William Ford, Hersey B. Goodwin, Edward B. Hall, George R. Noyes, George Ripley, Robert F. Wallcut, George W. Wells. (*Church File.*)

Boston Sept 22 1818 Received
of James Morris Treasurer of
First Church & Society One Hund^d &
fifty Dollars for one years interest
of a Note I held for \$200 Due Sept 10
against said Society - J. Q. Adams
£150

Receipt of John Quincy Adams to the Treasurer of the First Church
for payment of interest on a note, September 22, 1818

Boston June 26 1827
Received of Dr. James Morris
the sum of thirty dollars in full
for supply of First Church pulpit
for two Sunday's.
R. W. Emerson

Receipt of the Reverend Ralph Waldo Emerson for supply of the First Church
pulpit, June 26, 1827. Emerson became minister of the
Second Church in Boston in 1829

pairs as are requisite on said House; which repairs shall extend only to the Entry, Stairway, Kitchen, and two parlours. That they make a proposition to Judge Parker to do it themselves, or to remit one quarter's rent, and leave it to his own direction; and further that they have power to renew the lease on the same terms as before.

April 23, 1827. Committee Meeting.

Request from Dr. Bigelow that one quarter's rent be allowed for repairs, and that he have the house for five years longer.

Voted That the Deacons be authorized to give a lease to Dr. Bigelow, and to allow a quarter's rent for repairs.

Voted That the Deacons and Daniel Messinger be a Committee to superintend the complete repair of the parsonage house previous to the return of our minister, and that it be done to Mrs. Frothingham's satisfaction.

Voted That the same Committee ascertain at what cost the outside front of the four Dwelling Houses can be painted; and likewise the expense of repairing the inside of the meeting-house.

June 3, 1827. Committee Meeting.

Subcommittee reported that a new lease had been made to Dr. Bigelow, and that the parsonage House was undergoing repairs agreeably to the wishes of Mrs. Frothingham.

Same Committee reported an estimate of expense of painting Dwelling-Houses, which amounts to about two hundred and fifty Dollars.

Voted that a contract be made to have the work done. In regard to repairs of inside of the Church, the Committee are of opinion, that it is hardly necessary to make them general: that the expense would be great, and that it might for the present be dispensed with.

Voted that the ceiling beneath the galleries be whitewashed, and such trifling repairs made as will add to the better appearance of the Meeting-house.

Annual Meeting. July 31, 1827.

Met in pursuance of notifications duly posted.

Deacon Morrill chosen Moderator.

David Francis chosen Clerk.

[42]

Report of the Financial Committee

Your Committee have attended to the duties assigned them, and submit the following:

They have, on a careful examination of the accounts of the Treasurer for the last year, found them rightly entered, correctly cast, and properly vouched, and that a balance remains in his hands of 242 76/100 Dollars and that there is now due the Society for taxes and rents about \$720. They find also that the Society is indebted to their pastor, and for interest on Notes, about \$860 from which it appears that all their debts (except for loans) may be paid, and a balance remain in our favour of about 100 dollars.

They believe that the annual income of the Society, without increasing the taxes, may be safely estimated at about \$3490 viz.

(for Taxes 1600

And that the expenditures (Rents— 1890 3490.00 without any extraordinary occurrence will probably not exceed 3200 dollars, which will leave a balance in the treasury at the end of each year of nearly 300 Dollars, which they recommend should be applied towards the discharge of their debt.

Your Committee also find that the Society are indebted to sundry persons on Notes 11330 dollars, and that they possess, in addition to the four houses on Sumner Street, 14 pews on the lower floor, and a number in the Gallery of the meeting house; also a lot of land adjoining the church, containing about 6230 feet; a part of which land they recommend should be sold, on such conditions as the Society may prescribe. They also recommend that the Pews be sold; and that the proceeds of the whole be applied to the reduction of our debts.

Your Committee have endeavored to ascertain the value of the property belonging to the Society. The four Dwelling-Houses they value at 35000 dollars; the vacant land at 175 cents to 2 dollars per foot; and the pews at \$2000 for the whole.

Amount disbursed during the last year.

Supplying the pulpit	774.25
Organist and Singers	533.03
Insurance of Houses	48.
of Church	30.
Sexton's Salary	150.
Wood and Sawing	211.01
Interest already paid	384.50
Repairs	678.67

Carpet etc. for Orchestra	57.27
Sundry items	<u>64 22</u> 2927.10

(Signed)	WILLIAM GODDARD JOHN F. LORING WILLIAM HAYDEN JR.	Committee.
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[43] The report was unanimously accepted.

Voted That a Committee be appointed with full power and authority to make sale of a portion of the vacant land belonging to the proprietors of this Church, and lying south thereof, on such terms as they shall consider most for the interest of the proprietors; provided however that the portion of land sold under this vote, shall on no account extend more than forty feet northerly from the southerly line of said land; and that no other building than a dwelling house shall be erected thereon; and provided further that no part of said land shall be sold at a price less than one dollar and fifty cents a square foot.

Voted That the whole fund obtained from the sale of the land authorized by the preceding Vote, shall be, and the same is hereby strictly appropriated towards the payment of the debt due by the proprietors of this Church.

Moved that the consideration of these votes be postponed to an adjourned meeting this day week; which motion was rejected.

The question was then taken on accepting the resolutions, and carried in the affirmative.

Voted That a Committee of three be chosen by ballot to execute the votes above recorded: when, on declaring the ballots it was found that William Goddard, John F. Loring, and William Hayden Jr. were elected.

Proceeded to the choice of a Standing Committee. Previous to collecting the ballots, Mr. Sprague and Mr. Chadwick declined being considered as candidates. Deacon Morrill, Deacon Foster, Daniel Messinger, Daniel L. Gibbens, David Francis, Joseph Otis, Peter C. Brooks, James Phillips, Joseph T. Buckingham, Standing Committee.

The election of a Treasurer being next in order, Deacon Morrill, who has dispensed the duties of that office for the last forty years, desired to be excused from being a Candidate. The ballots were then taken, and the choice fell unanimously upon Deacon Foster.

Voted unanimously That the thanks of this Society be presented to Deacon James Morrill for his long course of faithful services in the office of Treasurer of the Society.

Voted That the Standing Committee be requested, without delay, to furnish and repair the meeting house as below specified, namely, To carpet the aisles of the Church, and the stairs and floor of the desk; to repair said Stairs, provide a new [44] curtain for the Window, new cushions for the top of the desk, and two new Hymn Books.

In regard to the Sexton,

Voted that the whole subject be referred to the Standing Committee.

Voted That the Committee of Sale be requested to make inquiry, and to report concerning the corporate powers of the First Church.

August 6, 1827. Committee Meeting.

A Communication was received from Mr. David Francis, resigning his place at the board as Secretary, which was ordered to be laid upon the table.

Daniel L. Gibbens appointed Clerk, pro. tem. who made the following record.

Voted That Deacon Morrill, Deacon Foster, and D. L. Gibbens be a committee to carry into effect the vote of the Society relating to the pulpit, aisles, etc.

Voted That the Deacons and Daniel Messinger be a committee to complete the repairs on the dwelling-houses.

Voted That Ebenezer Claffin be sexton, with the same salary as heretofore.

Voted That Daniel Messinger, James Phillips and James H. Foster, be a Committee to superintend the singing loft, appoint the organist, etc.

Voted That the treasurer be directed to pay to Eldad Brown 67.71; being amount of his bill for work on dwelling-houses.

November 20, 1827. Society's Meeting.

Met to hear report of Committee for sale of Land, and to choose a Treasurer in room of Deacon Foster, who declines the office.

Deacon Morrill chosen Moderator.

William Hayden, Jr. chosen Treasurer.

Report of the Committee

The Committee appointed to sell the vacant lot of Land, etc. report That they have sold all the land which they were authorized to sell, to Mr. Gideon F. Thayer, at the price of One Dollar, seventy-seven and a half

cents per square foot, payable on delivery of the deed, or at any time within ten years, at the option of the purchaser. In case he avails himself of the credit, the payment to be secured by mortgage of the premises, at 5 per cent. per annum, payable semiannually.

The Committee beg leave to make known, that it is their unanimous opinion that the interest of the proprietors will be greatly advanced, by extending the authority of the Committee so that they may sell such an additional quantity of land as to make the northerly line of the lot sold parallel to the southerly side of the Church, and thus leave the lot between the land sold and the church in the form of an oblong square. The Committee were empowered to sell a piece of land forty feet in width, which would leave the line of the land sold a bevel, equal to the present line between the Church's land and that of Judge Jackson. It will be very obvious, that if a building should be erected within thirty feet of the Church, upon this bevel line, the effect would be very inharmonious and unpleasant. The Committee therefore request authority to sell a lot of the width of forty-eight feet on Chauncy Place, extending in a straight line to the width of forty feet in the rear.

In the vote authorizing the sale, there is a restriction that it should be sold for the purpose only of erecting dwelling-houses. At the request of Mr. Thayer, the Committee state, that it is his wish to erect a building to be used as a School House; and the Committee are of opinion that the land cannot be better disposed of, so far as respects the interest of the proprietors, than to authorize the erection of such a building; they recommend, therefore that the powers of the Committee be so far extended, as they may allow Mr. Thayer to erect a School House.

To carry into effect these views the Committee recommend the annexed votes.

(Signed)	WILLIAM GODDARD	}
	JOHN F. LORING	

Committee.

Voted That the authority, given to the Committee for the purpose of selling a portion of land lying south of the Church, be so far increased, as that the said Committee may sell a lot of land extending from the south-easterly corner of the Society's land forty-eight feet along the line of Chauncy Place, thence, in a straight line to a point on the line of S. P. Gardiner's land, which shall be forty-feet from the southwesterly corner of the Society's land; it being the intention of this vote to authorize the sale of

the southerly lot, as marked out on a plan drawn by S. P. Fuller, and dated July 18, 1827: said lot containing thirty-Eight Hundred and Forty-Two Square Feet.

Voted That the restriction in the vote authorizing the sale of this land (which restriction provides that said land shall be sold for the erection only of Dwelling Houses) be so far removed, as that the Committee be authorized to insert a proviso in the deed, permitting the erection only of Dwelling Houses, or a Building to be used as a School [46] House; and that no building shall be erected except it be built of stone and brick."

The foregoing Report, together with the Votes, were unanimously accepted.

The following letter from the Pastor was then read, and ordered to be recorded.

"Boston 20 Nov. 1827

Brethren,

In the summer of the last year, when I requested leave of absence for twelve months, you were so obliging as to pass several votes in reference to that request, accompanied with expressions of kindness which I have never ceased to remember with great gratitude. The second of these votes was "that the salary of the pastor be continued to him during his absence, and that the standing committee take due measures to supply the desk until his return, at the expense of the society. The last generous offer it was never my intention to accept; though in the hurry of my departure and at the instance of friends I consented to leave the subject open for a time. My conclusion that I could not accept that offer was kindly intimated to your standing committee during my absence, by one of my friends. There seems to me however a propriety in making a more formal communication, and I avail myself of the opportunity of the present meeting to signify respectfully to the society, that I must decline receiving the salary that accrued during my absence from their service, except in such part as may remain after the expenses of supplying the pulpit are deducted. Renewedly thanking you for the favours you have shown me, and assured that you will not construe my refusal of your bounty into any want of confidence in the generous disposition that tendered it, I remain, brethren, your friend and servant,

N. L. FROTHINGHAM."

March 16, 1828. Committee Meeting.

Request of Mr. Cabot to renew his lease for five years, upon the former

terms, namely, 550 dollars a year for five years, and an allowance of a quarter's rent for repairs.

Voted that the request be granted, and that Deacon Morrill communicate the same to Mr. Cabot.

Upon representation of some of the Committee, that the roof of the meeting-house was very much out of repair,

Voted That Daniel L. Gibbens, Dea. Morrill and Joseph Otis be a committee to order and direct all proper reparation to be made to the roof, and substantial timbers inserted for its better support.

Voted That the Deacons be a Committee to arrange the situation of the outhouses on the South side the Church.

Adjourned.

DAVID FRANCIS Clerk.

[47] June 1, 1828. Committee Meeting.

Deacon Morrill reported, that the roof of the Church had been completely secured under the superintendance of Messrs. Hammond and Shaw, architects.

Voted That a Committee be appointed to obtain plans, and estimates of cost, of a new pulpit.

Voted That the same Committee who have under consideration the plan of a new curtain be a Committee to carry the above into effect.

June 24, 1828. Committee Meeting.

A Letter from Mr. G. F. Thayer was read, relative to the erection of a Fence between the premises of First Church and Chauncy Hall.

Voted That the fence to be erected shall be in height within six inches of the underpart of the caps of the rough pillars that support the Hall.

Voted That the clerk inform Mr. Thayer of this decision.

July 7, 1828. Committee Meeting.

Another letter from Mr. Thayer, hoping the Committee would reconsider their vote for erecting the fence so high as to exclude much light and air from his premises.

Voted That the vote passed at the last meeting be reconsidered.

Voted That a Fence be erected agreeably to the proposition of Mr. Thayer, as stated in his first letter, with the proviso, that it shall rise in height to within two feet of the underpart of the caps of the rough pillars; and that Mr. Thayer obligate himself to elevate said fence two feet whenever the Standing Committee decide that circumstances render it necessary.

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Voted That Daniel L. Gibbens and Daniel Messinger be a Committee with full powers to see to the erection of said fence, and also to finish off our yard with gravel and brick walks complete.

July 29, 1828. Annual Meeting.

Met in pursuance of notifications duly posted in the Porch.

Meeting opened with prayer by the Pastor.

Deacon Morrill chosen Moderator.

David Francis chosen Clerk; oath administered at the time, by the moderator, no justice of peace being present.

Dea. Morrill, Daniel Messinger, Daniel L. Gibbens, Joseph Otis, Josiah Bradlee, Charles Sprague, Ebenezer Chadwick, J. T. Buckingham, and David Francis, Standing Committee.

Voted That the Standing Committee appoint the Sexton, and fix his Salary.

[48] The Committee of Finance of First Church respectfully report, That they have examined the accounts of the receipts and payments of Deacon Morrill, for the time that he was acting treasurer subsequently to the last annual meeting. They find the accounts correctly cast and regularly vouched. It appears there has been received,

on account of pew tax	434.43
on account of rents	600.28
Balance in his hands	<u>242.76</u>
	1277.47
There has been paid on account of Society	<u>1191.51</u>
Leaving a balance, which has been duly paid	
over to present Treasurer of	<u>85.96</u>
All which is respectfully submitted	

WILLIAM GODDARD
JOHN F. LORING
WILLIAM HAYDEN JR. } Committee.

The Committee of Finance of First Church respectfully report,

That they have examined the accounts of monies received and disbursed by William Hayden Jr. Treasurer from his election in November last, to the present day, which account is reported herewith; and that they find the same to be correctly cast and regularly vouched. By this account it appears that the present Treasurer has received

A balance from former treasurer	85.96
On account of pew taxes	1549.27
On account of rents	1214.00
Six months' interest from G. F. Thayer	170.49
	<u>3019.72</u>
Whole amount disbursed by present treasurer,	3097.75
Leaving a balance due the treasurer, of	78.03

All which is respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM GODDARD
JOHN F. LORING } Committee.

The detailed report of the Treasurer was then read and accepted, and filed with the Society's Papers.

The Committee for the sale of land, presented a deed intended to be given Mr. Thayer, which was read, and request made to the Deacons to sign the same, as the legal officers of the Society: But the Deacons decline to sign the Deeds.

The Committee appointed to inquire into the corporate powers of the Society, laid the following papers before the meeting.

Boston. July 28, 1828.

C. P. Curtis esq. Sir, At the last annual meeting of the proprietors of First Church in Boston, the Subscribers, as a committee, were "requested to make inquiry, and to report concerning the corporate powers of the First Church." We have to request that you will [49] take into your consideration the subject included in that vote, and give us such advice in relation thereto, as your legal knowledge and good judgment may suggest. An answer previously to the annual meeting, which is to be holden at 4 o'clock tomorrow afternoon, will very much oblige us, your obedient servants

WILLIAM GODDARD
(signed) JOHN F. LORING
WILLIAM HAYDEN JR. } Com. F. C.

Question. What are the corporate powers of the First Church?

The religious society called the First Church in Boston, is what is technically termed a Poll Parish, in contradistinction to a local or precinct parish, and is a corporation with limited powers and authority. The best evidence of the existence of a corporation is the charter or act of incorporation, but as these muniments are liable to destruction by time and accident, the law permits a corporation to be proved by reputation, after it has

exercised the powers of one for a long series of years, and in such case the extent of its powers will be measured and regulated by its actual exercise of them, upon the legal presumption that bodies politic will take care to exercise all the powers they possess.

I am therefore of opinion that whatever corporate rights the First Church can show that they have enjoyed and exercised for sixty or seventy years past, they may legally continue to exercise, although it may be that their origin cannot be proved by any written document or warrant.

The general powers incident to parishes are to choose certain officers and raise money for certain specific purposes. The officers named in the statutes are a clerk, treasurer, a standing committee for the management of the prudential affairs of the Society, a moderator of their meetings, assessors, if need be, and such other officers as may be necessary and usual in such associations. The clerk should be under oath "truly to record all votes passed at any regular meeting of the corporation during the time he shall remain in office"; this oath may be administered to him by the moderator of the meeting, when the clerk is chosen, if there is no justice of the peace present, in which case, the fact should be stated in the record. While the members of the Society are electing a moderator of any meeting, it is the duty of the clerk to preside.

Parishes are authorized to raise money and grant such sums as they shall judge necessary for the settlement and maintenance of ministers of religion, the building and repairing of houses of public worship, and "other necessary parish charges," among which, a recent act of the General Court includes Church music. With regard to the specified objects of taxation, the [50] powers of parishes as to the amount of each appropriation, appear to be entirely discretionary. The mode of raising money for parochial purposes in Boston differs essentially from that practised in the country. There, taxes are assessed on the polls and estates of the members of the parish; here they are assessed on the pews. This was originally done by virtue of a province law passed in 1754, which authorized the respective congregations and societies in Boston, to "cause the pews in their several houses to be valued according to the convenience and situation thereof, and a new estimate to be put upon said pews from time to time as shall be found necessary," and then to assess taxes on them in proportion to their value, not exceeding two shillings on any one pew; any proprietor however might, by offering his pew to the society at the appraised value, avoid the assessment of any future tax on it. This last provision was probably found to be inconvenient, and in 1803 by a special act of the Legislature, "the First Church" was authorized to assess taxes for parish purposes on the

pews in their house, and to sell them for nonpayment of such taxes, without the reservation above mentioned. By this act, it is to be observed, the Legislature recognizes the political existence of such a body as the "First Church in Boston."

I have thus alluded, I believe, to all the "corporate powers of the First Church," in compliance with the request of the Committee, excepting their power in relation to their real estate. This is established and defined by the Statute of 1785, ch. 51, by which it is provided that lands and tenements granted or devised to religious societies (not episcopal) shall vest in the Deacons (with the minister, where he is united with them in the grant or devise) in trust for the use of the church, the poor, or other persons for whom the gift was intended. A visitatorial power over these trusts is given to the Church or their Committee, to advise and assist the Trustees in the administration of the property, and to call them to account in case of mismanagement; and with the consent of the Church or their Committee, the Trustees are empowered to sell and alienate the property so vested in them; without such consent any act of alienation by the Deacons would be void. It has been settled that the word Church, used as above, means the Parish or Society, and not the church in its technical sense.

(signed) CHARLES P. CURTIS.

July 29, 1828.

[51] Voted that the Committee appointed to sell the estate purchased by G. F. Thayer be directed to wait upon the Deacons and respectfully request them to sign the deed which has been drawn for the conveyance of said Estate; and if the Deacons should then decline to sign the instrument, that the Committee be empowered to execute a deed themselves, or to take such other measures as they may find necessary for the completion of the contract already made between these Proprietors and the said Gideon F. Thayer.

Voted That the Standing Committee of the First Church be, and they are hereby authorized to make such alterations and repairs in and about the said Church during the ensuing year, as they may deem expedient.

August 13, 1828. Committee Meeting.

Voted That the Treasurer be requested to attend the meetings of the Committee, and that the clerk notify him accordingly.

Voted That Daniel Messinger, Josiah Bradlee and Joseph T. Buckingham be Committee on the Singing.

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Voted That the Committee on repairing the Yard be requested to continue their services to completion thereof.

Voted That a Committee be raised to consider and report, first, The cost of an entire new Pulpit. secondly, The expense of repairing the inside of the Church. thirdly, The cost of painting the outside of the Church complete.

Voted That Joseph T. Buckingham, Josiah Bradlee, and Charles Sprague be the Committee to carry into effect the above Vote.

Voted That D. L. Gibbons and the Clerk be a Committee to approve Bills.

Voted That Ebenezer Clafflen be continued as sexton, with the usual salary.

Voted That if application be made for the Vestry to [be] used for a Sunday School, that the disposal thereof be left with the Minister and Deacons.

August 26, 1828. Committee Meeting.

Met to hear report of subcommittee on Repairs: who presented a plan of a new pulpit, stating the expense at [blank] Dollars, exclusive of Cushions and Curtain.

Presented a statement of expense for coloring the Walls, which can be done at [blank] Dollars.

[52] The Committee also gave a statement of expenses for painting the Outside of the Church; the Brick work at [blank] Dollars, the wood work at [blank] Dollars.

Voted that the Committee proceed to have the new pulpit constructed according to the plan presented, with such alterations as the beauty of the work may require; to furnish the Curtain and Cushions; to have the walls colored; and to make all such other minute repairs as may be requisite to the good appearance of the inside of the House.

Adjourned.

D. FRANCIS Clerk.

October 9, 1828. Committee Meeting.

A letter was read from the South Congregational Church, kindly offering the use of their Church to the worshippers in Chauncey Place, during the time their meeting-house is undergoing repairs.

Voted That the thanks of this Committee be presented to the Committee of the South Congregational Church for their kind offer, and that it be cordially accepted; and that the Clerk be requested to return answer to that purport.

November 11. Committee Meeting.

For the purpose of providing funds for paying the expenses of repairs in the meeting-House.

Voted That for the purpose of defraying the expenses of certain repairs, and alterations made by this Committee in and about the Church in Chauncy Place, under a vote of the Proprietors of said Church passed at their last annual meeting, the Treasurer be, and he is hereby authorized to borrow a sum not exceeding fifteen hundred Dollars, at a rate of interest not exceeding six per centum per annum, and payable at the pleasure of said proprietors, after one year.

December 14, 1828. Committee Meeting.

The use of our meeting-house having been offered to the Proprietors of Trinity Church for performance of service on Christmas Day, a letter was received and read from the Wardens, accepting of the offer, and presenting their cordial thanks to the Society for their kindness.

[53] January 18. Proprietors' Meeting.

A meeting of the proprietors was called this day, at the request of a number of the gentlemen, to consider the propriety of asking for an act of incorporation, under which to manage the financial affairs of the First Church.

Dea. James Morrill chosen moderator.

Voted, unanimously, That the Committee who had the management of the sale of the School-house Land, be requested to apply to the Legislature for an act of Incorporation, without delay. Adjourned.

February 22, 1829. Proprietors' Meeting. Dea. Morrill in the chair.

Mr. Josiah Bradlee stated that the proprietors had been requested to remain, that the opinion of the congregation might be taken upon the propriety of asking for the press the excellent Sermon against controversy delivered by the pastor on the 8th inst. Whereupon it was

Voted that a committee be chosen to wait upon Rev. Mr. Frothingham and request a copy for the press.⁸

May, 1829. Proprietor's Meeting.

The Proprietors were requested to remain after service, to take into consideration the recommendation of the City Government to have a collection in the several churches for the sufferers by the fire in Augusta,

⁸ *Plea against Religious Controversy*, Boston, 1829.

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Georgia. Also, to express their opinion in regard to inviting the Hollis Street Congregation to seats in our meeting-house, while theirs is under repair.

Voted That it be recommended to have a Collection on the next Sabbath morning.

Voted That a letter of invitation be sent to the Society in Hollis Street, requesting them to worship in our church, while theirs is under reparation.

May 1, 1829.

A letter of thanks was received in reply to the above invitation, stating that some of the Society will be happy to avail themselves of the offer, and that some will accept the offer of the South South Society.⁹

[54] Boston, July 28, 1829.

The Annual Meeting of The Proprietors of The First Church was held at their house this day at 4 oClock P.M. agreeably to Notice posted in the Porch and printed notifications distributed in the Pews.

The meeting was opened with Prayer by Reverend Mr. Frothingham, Deacon James Morrill was appointed Moderator.

Mr. David Francis gave notice that he should decline a reelection to the office of Clerk.

Colonel Messinger was appointed to collect assort and count the votes for Clerk, who reported that Daniel L. Gibbens was elected.

The oath of Office was then administered to the Clerk elect by the Moderator, no qualified Justice of the peace being present.

The Committee appointed in January last to apply to the Legislature for an Act of incorporation, presented the following Report, which was accepted.

The Committee appointed by the Proprietors of The First Church to apply to The Legislature for an Act of Incorporation respectfully Report, That in accordance with the instructions of The Proprietors, this Committee made application to the Legislature, by petition, and have procured the passage of an Act of Incorporation, a copy of which they have the honor to submit herewith,

For the Committee
WILLIAM GODDARD Chairman.

⁹ Probably *South Congregational Society*, founded May 19, 1828.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight hundred and twenty nine.
An Act declaring and confirming the incorporation of the Proprietors of
The First Church in Boston.

Section 1st Be it enacted by the Senate, and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That all persons who now are or hereafter may be the Proprietors of Pews in the Meeting House in Chauncy Place, in Boston be and they hereby are declared and confirmed to be a body corporate and politic, by the name of The "First Church in Boston," with power to elect such Officers and to pass such By-Laws as may be necessary for the proper management of their affairs, And with all the powers, rights and privileges which by the Constitution or laws of this Commonwealth belong to Parishes, And with power also to purchase, take and hold any estate, real, personal or mixed, for the support of the Ministry, and the suitable [55] maintenance of the Public worship of God, and the same to sell, mortgage or otherwise dispose of, as they may see fit, provided that the whole estate of the [said]¹ corporation, exclusive of their Meeting House, shall not exceed in its annual income, the sum of Five thousand Dollars, and the said corporation shall be and hereby are declared in Law, to be seized and possessed of the said Meeting House, with all the land under and adjoining the same, and of all other lands, tenements, and estate heretofore possessed and enjoyed by the Proprietors of the First Church, or by the Deacons, or any other Officers of the same for their use, with all the rights, privileges and appurtenances to the same belonging, reserving however to the several Proprietors of Pews in the said Meeting House their right to, and interest in their said Pews, respectively.

Section 2d Be it further enacted, that the said Proprietors shall be entitled to all the privileges which they have heretofore in fact enjoyed, and shall be subject to all the duties which they have heretofore in fact been subject to, and shall be bound by all the contracts they have heretofore in fact entered into.

Section 3d Be it further enacted, that all monies raised by the said Proprietors, for any lawful purpose, shall be assessed upon the several Proprietors of the Pews, in said Meeting House, or in any other Meeting House, that may be substituted therefor, according to the relative value of the said pews, regard being had to their situation, and convenience, and

¹ Added in pencil.

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the said Pews shall be held liable to be taken and sold for the payment of all assessments, duly made, and for the discharge of all expences incurred by such sale, in such manner, and upon such events, circumstances and conditions, as have been, or may be hereafter ordered and directed by the said Proprietors, at any legal meeting, and which are or may be summarily expressed and contained in the Deed or conveyance of the Pews, and the said assessment shall be considered as a lien upon said Pews.

Section 4th Be it further enacted, That the present officers of the said Proprietors shall be, and remain in office, until the first annual meeting of the said corporation, unless by decease or resignation, the places of any of them should become vacant, in which case, the said Proprietors may elect others to fill such vacancies, and the said Officers shall cause the first meeting of the said corporation to be called, by a printed notification to each Proprietor of a Pew in said Meeting House, and afterwards, notice of the meetings of said corporation, shall be given in such manner as the corporation shall direct.

Section 5th Be it further enacted, that this act may be altered, amended or repealed, at the pleasure of the Legislature.

In the House of Representatives March 2d 1829 Passed to be enacted,
W. B. Calhoun, Speaker.

In Senate March 2d 1829. Passed to be enacted, Sh. Leland, President.
March 3d 1829. Approved,

Levi Lincoln

[56] The foregoing is a true copy of the original act entitled "an act declaring and confirming the incorporation of the Proprietors of the First Church in Boston."

signed Edward D. Bangs, Secretary
of the Commonwealth.

Voted that the above act of incorporation be accepted, and the same is hereby adopted, for the future regulation and government of the Proprietors of the First Church.

The following Report was read and accepted.

The Committee appointed to examine the accounts of the Treasurer of Proprietors of the First Church, ask leave to Report, That they have examined the accounts of The Treasurer for the year which closed on the thirtieth day of June last, and find them correctly cast, and regularly vouched. During the year the Treasurer has paid out, on account of the Proprietors, the sum of Five thousand five hundred and seventy two Dol-

lars and sixty five cents, and he has received on their account, the sum of Five thousand five hundred and fourteen Dollars and eighteen cents, leaving a balance due the Treasurer, of Fifty eight Dollars and forty seven cents.

For the Committee
WILLIAM GODDARD Chairman.

The Treasurer made the following communication. Which, together with the Report of the Committee of Finance, were ordered to be printed, and distributed to the members of the corporation, *Viz.*

The Treasurer of the Proprietors of the First Church requests permission to submit to the Proprietors a general view of their finances, by means of the following Report. During the year which closed on the thirtieth day of June last, the amount of money which was received by the Treasurer, on account of the Church, was Five thousand five hundred and fourteen Dollars, and eighteen cents, this amount was derived from the following sources, *Viz.*

Balance in the hands of the Treasurer on the first day of July 1828, as per account then rendered	14.07
Received of James Morrill Esq, late Treasurer, being the balance of his account	85.96
Received for taxes on Pews during the year	1,604.70
Received for Rents due the Church <i>Viz.</i> of Hon. Isaac Parker, one year's rent of house occupied by him	550.00
Of Doctor Jacob Bigelow, one year's rent of House occupied by him	500.00
[57] Of Henry Cabot Esq. three quarters rent of House occupied by him, (the remaining quarters rent having been abated by the standing Committee, in lieu of Repairs,) Of various persons, for rent of the three School Rooms under the Church	412.50
For rent of the Cellars under the Church	291.65
Making the whole amount received for Rents	168.90
Received for Taxes of the Society's Houses	\$1,923.05
Received ten months and 18 days interest on a Note and Mortgage held for the Proprietors	85.20
Received of Jonathan Phillips Esq. for a note issued by the standing Committee of the Church, dated Nov. 17, 1828, payable at the pleasure of the Proprietors, after one year, bearing interest at 5½ per cent	301.20
Making the whole amount of receipts as above stated	1,500.00
	\$ 5,514.18

Within the same year the Treasurer has made payments in behalf of the Proprietors, amounting in the aggregate, to Five thousand five hundred seventy two dollars and and sixty five cents, which payments may be classed under the following heads, Viz.

For improvements and repairs in and about the Church, including the expence of the new Pulpit, and Curtains, staining the walls of the Church, repairing the Roof, making a new vault, building Privies, and fences, graduating the Yard, etc.	2,264.46
Salary of the Rev. Pastor of the Church for the year	1,300.00
Expences of Musick	727.00
Interest on the debt. of the Proprietors	568.57
Fuel for the Rev. Mr. Frothingham	153.12
Salary of the Sexton	150.00
Taxes on the Houses in Summer Street	85.20
Commission for collecting, Pew Taxes	80.45
Premium of insurance on the property of the Proprietors	78.00
Fuel for the Church	48.88
Repairs on the House occupied by the Rev. Pastor	40.36
Paid Charles P. Curtis Esq. for written opinion on the corporate powers of the First Church, and for drafting various papers in relation to the incorporation of the Proprietors, and the sale of a portion of their Estate	40.00
Sundry incidental expences, of small amounts	36.61
Making the whole amount of Payments, as above stated	\$ 5,572.65
The aggregate amount of expenditure, during the Year, has been, as above stated	5,572.65
And the aggregate amount of income	<u>5,514.18</u>
Leaving a balance due the Treasurer on the first day of July 1829 amounting to	\$ 58.47
The amount of taxes on Pews, due and unpaid on the first day of July 1828 was	85.22
The amount of taxes assessed on Pews during the year is	1,658.08
Making the whole amount of taxes	1,743.30
Of this sum, there has been collected during the year	1,604.70
[58] Leaving the amount of Pew Taxes due and uncollected, on the thirtieth ultimo	138.60

The present state of the Debt of the Proprietors, of the First Church is as follows, Viz.

Ten several Notes, payable in ten years from 1824 and 1825, and subject to such annual payments as may be convenient to the Society, bearing interest at five per centum per annum amounting to	11,139.00
One Note, payable on demand, bearing interest at six per centum per Annum	1,000.00
One Note payable at the pleasure of the Society, after the 17th November next, bearing interest at $5\frac{1}{2}$ per centum, per annum	1,500.00
Making the aggregate Debt of the Society	\$13,639.00
The Proprietors hold a Note signed by Gideon F. Thayer, payable on the first of August 1838, bearing interest, at five per centum per annum and secured by mortgage on the premises adjoining the land of the Church, amounting to	6,819.55
The amount of this Note deducted from the amount of the Proprietors Debt. leaves the balance of Debt against them	\$ 6,819.45

The very considerable repairs and improvements which have been made during the past year, by the standing Committee, under sanction of a vote of the Proprietors, at their last annual Meeting, have not only absorbed the balance which might reasonably have been expected to remain in the hands of the Treasurer, had there been nothing but the usual expenses of the Society, but have also required an addition to the debt, of the Proprietors, of the sum of Fifteen hundred Dollars, While it is believed that these improvements are well worth the consequent expenditure, and have given very general satisfaction to the People worshipping in this House, it is at the same time true, that this unusual expenditure renders the last year not a fair criterion of the manner in which the finances of the Society might ordinarily be managed.

Provided no expenses of an unusual character should occur within the year which commenced on the first instant, the income and expenditures of this Society, might be estimated with probable accuracy, as follows, Viz.

Income, Rents of Houses, School Rooms and Cellars

as at present leased	1,985.00
Taxes on Pews	1,615.00
Interest on the Note held by the Society	340.00
Total amount of Income	\$ 3,940.00

Expenditure, Salary of Pastor	1,300.00
Expenses of Musick	700.00
Interest on the Society's Debt	700.00
Various other expenses including the ordinary repairs of buildings	700.00
	\$ 3,400.00

[59] By this calculation, a balance of five or six hundred Dollars would remain annually, to be applied to the reduction of the debt of the Society, And the Treasurer is not able to perceive any sufficient reason to prevent this anticipation from being, hereafter, fully realized.

Respectfully Submitted to the Proprietors,

WILLIAM HAYDEN JUN. Treasurer.

July 28, 1829.

Voted That we now proceed to the choice of nine members, to compose the standing Committee, for the year ensuing, the votes being collected, it appeared that the following gentlemen were chosen, Viz.

Deacon James Morrill	Josiah Bradlee	David Francis
Daniel Messinger	Charles Sprague	Ebenezer Chadwick
James Phillips	Joseph T. Buckingham	Daniel L. Gibbens

William Hayden Junior was unanimously re-elected Treasurer of the corporation, for the ensuing year.

Voted That the thanks of this Society be presented to Mr. David Francis, for his services as Clerk thereof, for a number of years past, and that the present Clerk, be instructed to transmit to him a copy of this vote.

Voted That the Standing Committee, be authorized to make such alterations and repairs, in, and about the Church, and Houses, as they may deem expedient.

Voted That the Act of Incorporation be submitted to the standing Committee, to report at the adjourned meeting, such regulations and By-Laws, for the government of the corporation, and for calling future meetings, as they may consider necessary.

Voted That when this meeting adjourn, it shall be to the first tuesday in October next.

Voted That the standing Committee be authorized to appoint a Sexton, from time, to time, during the year, and to fix his salary.

Voted That this Meeting be now adjourned.

DANIEL L. GIBBENS Clerk.

[60] Boston, August 4, 1829. A Meeting of the standing Committee was held in the Vestry.

Messrs. Messinger, Buckingham and Phillips were appointed a Committee to superintend the Organ Loft.

Messrs. Bradlee and Messinger, were appointed a Committee to procure suitable Mats for the Porch.

Deacon Morrill and D. L. Gibbens were authorized to dispose of the old Pulpit, Cushions, Curtains, Steps and other Lumber about the Church, by Auction or Private sale.

Mr. Francis and Deacon Morrill, were appointed a Committee, to procure a new door for the front of the Church, and to cause the side and front doors to be painted.

Messrs. Gibbens, Buckingham and Sprague, were appointed a Committee, to draft such regulations, and By-Laws, as may be necessary for the future government of the Corporation.

Voted That the Treasurer be requested to attend the meetings of this Committee.

Voted That the Treasurer be authorized to pay to the Reverend Mr. Frothingham the sum of One hundred and twenty five Dollars, in lieu of the twenty five Cords of wood, which he is entitled to receive from the Society, the present year.

Voted That the Salary of the Sexton, the present year, be at the rate of one hundred and fifty dollars per annum, which shall be in full compensation, for all services rendered in that capacity, including a constant care, and oversight of the church, Side-walk, Yard, and other property of the Corporation, in and about the Church.

Mr. Ebenezer Claflen, was reappointed Sexton.

Voted that this meeting be adjourned.

D. L. GIBBENS Clerk.

A Meeting of The Standing Committee was held after the morning service August 16, 1829.

The Chairman, informed the Committee, that the Policy of Insurance on the Property of the Corporation was about to expire, and it was Voted that that Gentleman be authorized and requested to cause the same to be renewed on the same terms as the last year.

D. L. GIBBENS Clerk.

[61] A Meeting of the standing Committee was held after the morning service August 23, 1829.

The Sub-Committee for procuring a new door for the front of the Meeting house, submitted a plan, suggested by the architect, of Double Doors, to open and fold inside the Porch, which was adopted, and the committee was instructed to proceed with the work.

It was intimated to the Committee, that the Fire which happened on the 17th instant and which put at hazard the whole property of the corporation, would not have occurred, had proper care been observed by the occupant of that Room, and it was therefore Voted that the chairman be requested to notify the tenant occupying the School Room at the Northeast Corner of the meeting house, that he must vacate the same at the expiration of the present quarter.

DANIEL L. GIBBENS Clerk.

A Meeting of the Standing Committee was held August 30, 1829.

The Clerk read a communication from the Mayor of the city, soliciting aid for the erection of a Granite Wall, about the Chapel Burial Ground, and it was

Voted that the Chairman of this Committee be authorized and requested to subscribe to that object, any sum not exceeding twenty Dollars, to be paid from the funds of the corporation.

The Chairman of this Committee who was charged with the renewal of the Policy of insurance, reported in part, and asked instructions, as to the name, to be inserted in that instrument, it was thereupon,

Voted that the policy be made in the name of the Treasurer, and that that Officer be added to the Committee for the purpose of completing the business of insurance.

DANIEL L. GIBBENS Clerk.

Boston, October 4, 1829.

The standing Committee met this day after the evening service. The Committee appointed to prepare By Laws reported that they had attended to that service and the regulations for the future government of the society, proposed by them, were read, and after amendment, were adopted, and ordered to be presented to the Society at their adjourned meeting on tuesday next.

DANIEL L. GIBBENS Clerk.

[62] Boston, October 6, 1829. A meeting of The Proprietors of The First Church Corporation was held agreeably to adjournment, Deacon James Morrill Moderator.

The Committee, by their Chairman, reported the following By-Laws which were adopted, and ordered to be printed with the Act of Incorporation and distributed in the Pews of the Proprietors, Viz.

By-Laws of The First Church

1st The Proprietors shall hold a meeting annually (on the third tuesday in the month of July²) ; and notice of the time and place of said meeting shall be given by depositing a printed notification thereof in each Pew on the Lord's day, immediately preceding such meeting.

(or) in such other mode as the Standing Committee may direct.³

2^d At the annual meeting, there shall be chosen, by ballot, a Clerk, a Treasurer, a Standing Committee, and a Committee of Finance, who shall continue in office one year, and until others shall be chosen, and qualified to act in their stead, At this, and every other meeting of the Proprietors, a Moderator shall first be chosen.

3^d The Clerk shall be sworn to the faithful performance of the duties of his Office, which oath may be administered to him by the moderator of the meeting, if there is no Justice of the Peace present. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to notify all meetings of the Proprietors, and to keep a true record of all their proceedings, and also of all the proceedings at the meetings of the Standing Committee.

4th It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to collect and receive all monies which are due, or may hereafter become due, to the Corporation; and to pay the interest which may become due on the debt of the Corporation, and also such other demands against the Corporation as may be duly authorized by the standing Committee. He shall sign and execute all Deeds of Pews hereafter issued under direction of the Standing Committee.

5th The Standing Committee shall have full power, and it shall be their duty to manage the prudential affairs of the Corporation. They shall have general superintendance of the Real Estate of the Corporation, Shall pay due attention to leasing the Houses, and the School Rooms, and Cellars under the Church, and shall attend to all necessary repairs. They shall

² Changed to *April* by vote of November 24, 1841. See vote on page 789.

³ Amendment adopted July 16, 1832. See page 722.

have authority to call such special meetings of the Proprietors, as may, in in their opinion be necessary.

6th It shall be the duty of the Committee of Finance to audit and examine the accounts of the Treasurer, [63] and to report thereon at the Annual Meeting of the Proprietors.

7th At any meeting of the Corporation, each Proprietor of a Pew, shall have a right to one vote, either in person or by proxy. And no Proprietors shall have more than three votes in his own right or as proxy. In case any Pew is owned by two or more persons, only one of them shall be entitled to vote by virtue of such ownership.

On motion it was Voted that this meeting be dissolved.

DANIEL L. GIBBENS Clerk.

The Committee met November 8, 1829.

When the Committee appointed to procure a new Door to the front of the Church, reported that they had completed that Work, and that the Bill for the same was in their opinion an exorbitant one, After explanation and debate on the subject, it was Voted that the same Committee be authorized and directed to settle with Mr. Hammond on the best terms they can.

Adjourned.

D. L. GIBBENS Clerk.

Sunday Morning February 28, 1830.

The Committee met, to consider a proposition from the Treasurer, relating to the sale of The Note and Mortgage held by The Corporation against Mr. Gideon F. Thayer, and applying the proceeds to the reduction of the debt.

Voted That the Chairman and Treasurer be a Committee to consider that subject, and Report. Adjourned.

D. L. GIBBENS Clerk.

At a Meeting of The Standing Committee of the Proprietors of the First Church, held on the 28th day of February 1830, at which Meeting all the Members were present.

It was proposed to sell and transfer the Note and Mortgage of Mr. Gideon F. Thayer, and appropriate the proceeds to the payment of the Debts of the Corporation, And after some discussion, Deacon James Morrill and the Treasurer were appointed a Committee to consider that subject, to

take legal advice as to the proper mode of making such transfer, and to report. And in case a meeting of the Proprietors should be necessary, for that purpose, it was understood that the Clerk had the consent and direction of the Standing Committee to call one.

DANIEL L. GIBBENS Clerk.

[64] A Special Meeting of the Proprietors was held at the Church in Chauncy Place on tuesday March 9, 1830, and was organized by the appointment of Deacon James Morrill as Moderator.

The following Vote was proposed and after debate was adopted.

At a special meeting of the Corporation called "the Proprietors of The First Church in Boston" held on the ninth day of March 1830 pursuant to notice, It was

Voted That the Standing Committee be authorized to sell and dispose of Gideon F. Thayers Note to the Corporation, secured by mortgage of Real Estate, upon such terms as they may deem expedient. And the Treasurer is hereby empowered to make and execute the necessary endorsement and transfer, of said securities, in behalf of the Corporation, and to receive the proceeds and appropriate the same towards the payment of the debt of this Corporation, and to no other purpose whatever.

It was then Voted That this meeting be dissolved.

DANIEL L. GIBBENS Clerk.

Whereas Doubts have arisen in regard to the legality of a meeting of the Proprietors of the First Church Corporation which was held in Chauncy Place on the 9th instant, by reason of no special Vote of the Standing Committee of that Corporation, having been passed, authorizing the Clerk to issue notifications for the same.

Now therefore, to end all controversy on that subject the undersigned, members of that Committee, hereby Certify, That at a meeting of the Standing Committee on the 28 day of February, last past, at which all the members were present, It was expressly understood that in the event of its being ascertained by a sub-Committee which was appointed for that purpose, that further and enlarged power was necessary for the Standing Committee to make a legal transfer of a Note and Mortgage held by the Corporation against Gideon F. Thayer, and apply the proceeds to the reduction of the debt of the Corporation, then and in that case, that the Clerk had the consent and direction of the said Committee to call a meeting of the Proprietors for that purpose.

Boston 10th March, 1830.

(signed) EBENEZER CHADWICK
 JOSIAH BRADLEE
 DANIEL MESSINGER
 CHARLES SPRAGUE
 JAMES PHILLIPS
 DAVID FRANCIS
 JOSEPH T. BUCKINGHAM

[65] The following, is a copy of a certificate, accompanying the Note and Mortgage transferred to Deacon James Morrill.

We the undersigned being the Major part of the members of the Standing Committee of the Proprietors of the First Church in Boston, do hereby express our assent to, and approbation of, the assignment and transfer of the Note and Mortgage of Gideon F. Thayer, to James Morrill hereunder written,

(signed) DANIEL MESSINGER
 JOSIAH BRADLEE
 EBENEZER CHADWICK
 DAVID FRANCIS
 CHARLES SPRAGUE
 JOSEPH T. BUCKINGHAM
 DANIEL L. GIBBENS
 JAMES PHILLIPS

A Meeting of the Standing Committee was held on Sunday March 14, 1830.

A Communication was received from the Mayor and Aldermen, "requesting that the Bills may be tolled only, for lectures and other meetings, except on Sunday," and it was thereupon

Voted that this Society will comply with that request, and that the Sexton receive directions accordingly.

Voted That Messrs. Sprague, Gibbens and Bradlee be a Committee to take into consideration the expediency of revising the present form of Blank Deeds used for the conveyance of Pews in this Church, and of recommending to the Proprietors an exchange of the Deeds they now hold for such as may be adopted. Adjourned.

DANIEL L. GIBBENS Clerk.

At a Meeting of the Standing Committee, held after the morning service, Sunday March 21, 1830.

It was suggested that this Corporation may be interested in an applica-

tion now pending before the Mayor and Aldermen, to alter the northerly line of Summer Street. Whereupon it was Voted That Messrs. Sprague, Buckingham and Messinger be a Committee to examine the Plans in the Mayor's Office, and to remonstrate against the proposed alteration if in their opinion, it would affect injuriously the interests of this Society.

DANIEL L. GIBBENS Clerk.

[66] The Standing Committee met April 18, 1830.

A communication was received from the Hon. Isaac Parker requesting to be discharged from his liability as Lessee of one of the houses belonging to the Proprietors, whose tenant he has been for the last twenty two years.

Voted That the Lease to Judge Parker be terminated on the first day of May next, agreeably to his request.

Deacon James Morrill and D. L. Gibbens were appointed a Committee to cause such repairs to be made upon said house as may be necessary and to lease the same on such terms and conditions as they may consider equitable, and for the interest of the Proprietors.

Repeated complaints having been made of the disorderly conduct of the Scholars in the room at the N.E. corner of this house, it was Voted That the Clerk be directed to notify Mr. Titcomb that the Committee desire him to vacate that room at the expiration of the present quarter. Adjourned.

DANIEL L. GIBBENS Clerk.

At a meeting of the standing Committee held April 25, 1830.

It was Voted that Mr. Titcomb have permission to return to the Clerk the notice to vacate the room occupied by him, in consequence of a communication received from him expressing his willingness to comply with the rules of this committee in relation to the playground for his Scholars.

DANIEL L. GIBBENS Clerk.

June 20, 1830.

The Proprietors were requested to remain after the morning service, and on motion it was Voted That the Reverend Mr. Frothingham be requested to convey to the Proprietors of Federal Street Church, through their Pastors, the invitation of this Society for them to worship in this house while theirs is undergoing repairs. Adjourned.

DANIEL L. GIBBENS Clerk.

[67] The standing Committee met July 18, 1830.

The sub-Committee appointed to cause repairs to be made on the house

recently occupied by Honorable Isaac Parker and to lease the same, Reported that they had effected thorough repairs, and had leased the same to James Parker for the term of five years at the rate of Five hundred and seventy five Dollars per Annum, which report was accepted.

Voted That the Treasurer be authorized to settle with Judge Parker on equitable terms.

Voted That the Treasurer be authorized to sell Pew No. 9 at auction for the payment of taxes.

Ebenezer Chadwick and Charles Sprague Esquires were appointed a Committee to audit the accounts of the Treasurer.

DANIEL L. GIBBENS Clerk.

The Annual Meeting of the Proprietors of the First Church was held at their house in Chauncy Place, July 20, 1830. And was opened with prayer by the Reverend Mr. Frothingham. Deacon James Mорrill was appointed Moderator.

The Records of the last year were read by the Clerk.

A Committee was appointed to collect the Votes for Clerk for the year ensuing, which reported the whole number were for Daniel L. Gibbens, and he was declared unanimously reelected, and was sworn to the faithful discharge of that duty, by the Moderator.

The Committee on the Treasurer's Account made the following Report, which was Accepted, Viz.

The Sub Committee of the Standing Committee appointed on the 18th instant to examine the accounts of the Treasurer, respectfully Report That they have examined the said Accounts for the year which closed on the 30th of June last, and find them correctly cast and regularly vouched. During the year the Treasurer has received on Account of the Proprietors the sum of

\$10,746.68

And he has paid out on their account the sum of

10,921.92

Leaving a balance due to the Treasurer of

\$ 175.24

For the Sub-Committee

CHARLES SPRAGUE

July 20, 1830.

The Treasurer made the following statement which was accepted Viz. The Treasurer of the Proprietors of the First Church respectfully asks leave to state to the Proprietors, that within the year which closed on the

thirtieth day of June 1830, he received on their account the sum of Ten Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty Six Dollars and Sixty Eight Cents; which amount was [68] derived from the following Sources, viz: From the Sale of Gideon F. Thayer's Note and Mortgage, received for an Estate sold to him by the Proprietors of this Church 6,819.55
 Received for Taxes on Pews, during the year 1,589.73
 Received for Rents due the Church, viz.

Of Henry Cabot Esq:—one year's rent of House occupied by him	550.00
Of Dr. Jacob Bigelow: one year's rent of House occupied by him	500.00
Of Chief Justice Parker: Three quarters Rent of House occupied by him (The remaining quarter being unsettled, on account of demand which he makes against the Church)	412.50
Of various individuals, for Rents of the Three School Rooms under the Church	324.00
Received for rent of Cellars under the Church	62.50
Making the whole amount received for rents during the year	1,849.00
Received for Taxes on the Society's Houses	94.80
Received 11 months and 18 Days interest on a Note and Mortgage belonging to the proprietors of the Church	329.60
Received for Sales of the Old Pulpit, Desk, Curtains and Cushions ⁴	60.00
Of Deacon Foster for Sale of a Musick Stool	4.00
Making the total amount of Receipts, during the year, as above stated	\$10,746.68

The Treasurer charges the Proprietors, within the same year, with the following items, viz:

The balance due the Treasurer, as stated in his last year's Report, which was accepted by the Proprietors	58.47
Salary of the Rev: Pastor of the Church, for the year	1,300.00
Interest on various Notes outstanding against the proprietors	883.99
Expenses of Music	699.65
Repairs of the Society's Houses and School Rooms	165.75
Salary of the Sexton	150.00
Taxes on the Society's Houses	126.40
Fuel for the Pastor's House	125.00
Repairs of the Church	106.48

⁴ Sold to Samuel Stone on December 17, 1829. (*Church File.*) A Samuel Stone (1779-1830), merchant in Townsend, Massachusetts, was active in the erection of a meeting house in that town at this time. Cf. I. B. Sawtelle. *History of the Town of Townsend*, Fitchburg, 1878, pp. 151, 322-326.

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Premium of Insurance on the Church and Houses	78.00
Commission paid for Collecting Pew Taxes	76.08
Fuel for the Church	47.25
Sundry incidental expenses, of small Amounts	104.85

And the following Notes have been paid and cancelled
by the treasurer, viz:

One Note bearing Interest at six per cent	1,000.00
One Note bearing Interest at $5\frac{1}{2}$ per cent	1,500.00
Three Notes bearing Interest at 5 per cent	4,500.00
	<u>7,000.00</u>

Making the total amount charged to the Proprietors during
the year \$10,921.92

The aggregate amount of Expenditures, during the year,
has been, as above stated 10,921.92

And the aggregate amount of Income 10,746.68

Leaving a balance due the Treasurer July 1st 1830,
amounting to \$175.24

[69] The amount of Taxes on Pews due and unpaid, on the
first day of July 1829, was 138.60

Amount of Taxes which fell due in the course of
the year 1609.70

Making the whole amount of Taxes \$1748.32

Amount of Taxes actually received by the Treasurer
and credited in the foregoing account 1589.73

Leaving the amount of Taxes on Pews due and un-
paid, on the 30th June 1830 \$158.59

In the last year's Report, the amount of the Debt of the Pro-
prietors of this Church was stated at 13,639.00

Since the acceptance of that Report, there has been
paid and cancelled of that Debt the sum of 7,000.00

Leaving the actual amount of the debt of the
Proprietors of the first Church, on the 30th
June 1830 \$6,639.00

All which is respectfully submitted to the Proprietors.

WILLIAM HAYDEN JR. Treasurer.

July 20, 1830.

The Votes being collected for a Standing Committee, the following Gen-
tlemen were declared unanimously reelected, viz.

Deacon James Morrill	Josiah Bradlee	David Francis
Daniel Messinger	Charles Sprague	Ebenezer Chadwick
James Phillips	Joseph T. Buckingham	Daniel L. Gibbens

William Hayden Jr. was unanimously reelected Treasurer.

Joseph T. Buckingham, Charles Sprague, and James Phillips, were appointed a Committee of Finance.

Voted That the Standing Committee shall not in any case be authorized to pay more than Seven Hundred and Fifty Dollars a year as the salaries of the organist and singers.

The Meeting was then dissolved.

DANIEL L. GIBBENS Clerk.

Boston, August 29, 1830.

The members of the Society were requested to remain after the blessing was pronounced, Deacon Morrill presiding. It was Voted that Deacon Morrill, Mr. J. T. Buckingham and Deacon Foster be a Committee to wait on the Reverend Mr. Frothingham and request of him a Copy of his Century Sermon delivered this day, for the Press.

D. L. GIBBENS Clerk.

[70] The Standing Committee met November 28, 1830.

Voted that the Treasurer be authorized to pay any sum not exceeding fifty Dollars for the benefit of the Chauncy Place Sunday School at the discretion of the chairman of this Committee.

DANIEL L. GIBBENS Clerk.

At a meeting of the Standing Committee held in Chauncy Place December 26, 1830.

It was Voted That the Treasurer be authorized to borrow any sum of money that may be necessary for the use of the society, not exceeding six hundred dollars.

DANIEL L. GIBBENS Clerk.

A Meeting of The Standing Committee was held January 16, 1831.

A Communication was received from Gideon F. Thayer requesting to be considered an applicant for the School Room occupied by George Titcomb, and it was Voted that it is inexpedient to take any order on that subject.

Deacon Morrill was appointed a Committee to procure a Grate to be

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placed in the house occupied by Henry Cabot Esq. agreeably to the request of that Gentleman.

DANIEL L. GIBBENS Clerk.

Boston March 13, 1831.

The Standing Committee held a meeting to act on a communication from Doct. Jacob Bigelow, proposing to renew the lease of the house occupied by him, on the same terms as are stipulated in the present lease, which being read, it was Voted That The Committee will lease the said house to the said Dr. Bigelow on the terms and conditions proposed by him in his Note of 8th instant.

DANIEL L. GIBBENS Clerk.

[71] April 7, 1831.

The Standing Committee met after the Morning service, on Fast-day, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Mr. Ebenezer Claflen who has for a great number of years⁵ discharged the duties of Sexton, with fidelity, and to the acceptance of the Society. A Number of applications for the office, were presented by the Clerk, and after deliberation it was

Voted unanimously that Francis Dillaway⁶ be appointed Sexton for the residue of the year, or until the annual Meeting, and that his salary be at the rate of one hundred dollars per annum, payable quarter yearly.

Deacon Morrill and the Clerk, were appointed a Committee to superintend, and cause such repairs to be made, on the houses, as in their judgement shall be necessary.

Voted that the same Committee be authorized to make such alterations and repairs in the passage way between the houses and Meeting house, as they may think expedient.

Voted That the Treasurer be authorized to pay the representatives of the

⁵ Ebenezer Claflin was born in Middleborough, November 26, 1752, and died in Boston, March 28, 1831. Served in the American Revolution; described as five feet seven inches in height with dark complexion. He was first employed by the Church in 1804.

⁶ In a letter of application undated, he writes, "By all appearances the hand of death is hovering round and will soon call his victim to our Mother Earth, your faithful servant and my much esteemed friend and relative, Mr. Ebenezer Claflen . . . Under these circumstances, I take the liberty of offering my person to act in that Capacity, hoping at the same time my conduct while acting as his colleague will speak louder than words of recommendation coming from strangers." (Ms. letter in Church File.) Otis Claflin, a son, also applied on March 24, 1831 and refers to assisting his father "for many years."

late Mr. Claflen, his full salary to the expiration of the quarter on which he had entered.

On Motion of Mr. Francis, it was Voted that Messrs. Francis, Sprague and Messinger, be a Committee, to consult with the Pastor on the expediency of introducing into the Church a new Hymn Book, in lieu of Belknaps' Collection, and to report at the next annual meeting.

DANIEL L. GIBBENS Clerk.

Boston, May 15, 1831.

A Communication from Jonathan Chapman Junior requesting the use of the Meeting House for the "Young Men of Boston"⁷ for the purpose of an Oration, on the 4th day of July next, was read, and it was thereupon Voted that this Committee do most cheerfully consent that the house may be used for that purpose, on that occasion.

DANIEL L. GIBBENS Clerk.

[72] The Annual Meeting of The First Church Corporation was held at their house in Chauncy Place, on Tuesday the 19th July 1831.

Previous to the transaction of business, and in conformity with ancient custom, the throne of Grace was addressed by the Reverend Pastor.

The Meeting was then organized by the appointment of Deacon James Morrill as Moderator.

The records of the meetings of the Proprietors, and of the Standing Committee during the last year were read and approved.

Mr. Henry Cutter was appointed to collect, assort and count the votes for the Officers of the corporation for the ensuing year.

Daniel L. Gibbens was reelected Clerk, and the Oath of Office was administered to him by the venerable Moderator, in the absence of a qualified Justice of the Peace.

The following Report was read by the Clerk, in the absence of the Committee, and unanimously accepted.

The Committee of Finance appointed at the last annual meeting of the Proprietors of the First Church, Ask leave to Report That they have attended to the examination of the Treasurers accounts for the year which closed on the thirtieth day of June last.

That they find the said accounts correctly cast and regularly vouched.

⁷ A large number of "Young Men" marched to the Meeting House for the Oration and then proceeded to Quincy Hall for dinner. Cf. *Boston Evening Transcript*. July 2, 1831.

That the Treasurer has paid out, during that year, including a balance which was due him at the commencement of the year,
the Sum of 4,065.06

That he has received, on account of the Proprietors within the same period the sum of 3,843.58
Leaving a balance due the Treasurer amounting to \$ 221.48

All which is respectfully submitted

JOSEPH T. BUCKINGHAM
JAMES PHILLIPS
CHARLES SPRAGUE } Committee
of
Finance

Boston, July 18, 1831.

The Treasurer presented the following Report, which was unanimously accepted, Viz.

The Treasurer of the Proprietors of the First Church in Boston, respectfully asks leave to Report to the Proprietors.

That according to a report accepted at the last Annual Meeting of the Proprietors, there was due to the Treasurer, on the first day of July [73] 1830, a balance of 175.24

That during the year which closed on the thirtieth day of June 1831, he has paid out, on account of the Proprietors, the sum of 3889.82
Making, as the debit of the Church, the sum of \$ 4065.06

These payments have been made for the following purposes, Viz.

The Salary of the Rev. Pastor of the Church	1300.00
Repairs of the Church and the Houses owned by the Proprietors	799.79
Expences of Music	727.10
Interest on the Proprietors Debt	386.95
City Taxes on the Houses	129.60
Fuel for the Pastors House	125.00
Salary of the Sexton, three quarters of the year	112.50
Premium of Insurance on the Church and Houses	83.00
Commission on collecting Pew Taxes	55.95
Fuel for the Church	50.04
Contribution towards the expences of the Sunday School	50.00
Expence of printing Rev. Mr. Frothingham's Century Sermon	25.00
Contribution towards a Wall at the Chapel Burial Ground	20.00
Sundry incidental expences of small amounts	24.89
Making the total amount expended, as above stated	\$ 3889.82

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Within the same year the Treasurer has received on account of the Proprietors of this Church the sum of which has been derived from the following sources, Viz.	3843.58
Received for Taxes on Pews during the year	1191.20
Received for Rents due the Church viz.	
Of The Administrator of the Estate of the late Chief Justice Parker, being the balance of Rent due from him	163.33
Of Henry Cabot Esq. one years rent of house	550.00
Of Doctor Jacob Bigelow, one years rent of house	500.00
Of Mr. James Parker, three quarters rent of house	431.25
Received for One years rent of three School Rooms under the Church at \$100, \$88, and \$80 per Annum	268.00
Received for three quarters rent of the Cellars under the Church	<u>75.00</u>
Making the whole amount received for rents	1987.58
Received of two of the tenants for Taxes on the Houses	64.80
Amount received for a Note given for money borrowed under authority from the Standing Committee	600.00
Making the total amount received as above stated	<u>\$ 3843.58</u>
The Balance due the Treasurer at the commencement of the year was	175.24
The [74] amount paid out by him during the year is <u>3889.92</u>	
Making the whole amount charged to the Proprietors	4065.06
The aggregate of income received during the year is	<u>3843.58</u>
Leaving a balance due the Treasurer July 1, 1831 amounting to	221.48
The Amount of Taxes on Pews, due and unpaid on the first day of July 1830 was	158.59
The amount of Taxes which have fallen due within the year,	<u>1613.97</u>
Making the whole amount of Taxes	1772.56
Amount of Taxes actually received by the Treasurer and credited in the Foregoing account	<u>1191.20</u>
Leaving the amount of Taxes on Pews, due and unpaid on the thirtieth day of June 1831	\$ 581.36
In the Treasurer's Report of the last year, the amount of the debt of the Proprietors of this Church was stated at	6639.00

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Since that time a new loan has been made under authority of the Standing Committee, to meet certain repairs of the buildings belonging to the Church amounting to 600.00

Leaving the actual amount of the Debt of the Proprietors
of this Church on the First day of July 1831 at \$ 7239.00

All which is respectfully submitted to the Proprietors.

July 19, 1831. WILLIAM HAYDEN JUNIOR Treasurer.

The Votes were collected for a Standing Committee, and the following Gentlemen were declared elected, Viz.

Deacon James Morrill	Josiah Bradlee	Ebenezer Chadwick
Daniel Messinger	Charles Sprague	David Francis
James Phillips	Joseph T. Buckingham	Daniel L. Gibbens

William Hayden Junior Esq. was unanimously reelected Treasurer, but declined accepting that Office, Whereupon Mr. David Francis was elected Treasurer of the Corporation, for the ensuing year, and accepted the trust. Messrs. Ralph Huntington, James W. Vose and [75] Levi Bliss were chosen a Committee of Finance.

The following Report was read by Mr. Francis, Chairman of the Committee and accepted.

The Sub-Committee, appointed by the Standing Committee, to confer with the Minister respecting the expediency of changing the Hymn Books, beg to Report That they have had a conference on the subject with the Minister, and are of opinion that at present a change is inexpedient.

Voted That the Thanks of this Society be presented to William Hayden Junior Esq. for his very able and faithful services in the office of Treasurer for a number of years.

Voted That the Standing Committee be authorized to appoint a Sexton, from time to time as may be necessary and to determine his compensation.

The Meeting was then adjourned.

DANIEL L. GIBBENS Clerk.

A Meeting of The standing Committee was held August 21, 1831.

Francis Dillaway was appointed Sexton for the current year, and it was
Voted that his Salary be at the rate of one hundred dollars per Annum,
payable quarter yearly.

Daniel Messinger, Joseph T. Buckingham and James Phillips were appointed a Committee to superintend the Singers, and the Organ Loft.

Deacon Morrill and the Clerk were appointed a Committee to negotiate with H. Cabot, respecting a renewal of his lease, on the terms of his present lease and with authority to allow him one quarters Rent for internal Repairs.

Voted that a Screen be placed in front of the Back houses in the West Yard.

Voted That the proposition of John Dodd to hire the whole Cellar for five years, at the rate of One hundred dollars per Annum, be accepted, on condition that no offensive or dangerous Article shall be stored therein, and no Truck be allowed to enter the yard. D. L. GIBBENS Clerk.

[76] A Meeting of The Standing Committee was held April 29, 1832.

Messrs. Bradlee, Sprague and Francis were appointed a Committee to confer with the Lessee of the Cellar, in regard to complaints of an improper use of the Yard and Sidewalks by rolling Casks and Coopering the same, to the annoyance of the neighbors and the danger of the lives of the Scholars who attend school in the Rooms under the Meeting house, and the said Committee are fully authorized to vacate and conclude the lease, if its terms are not complied with.

Messrs. Gibbens and Buckingham were appointed to make such Repairs, in, and about the House, Yards, and Dwelling Houses, as they may think expedient, and to expend any sum of Money that may be necessary for that purpose, at their discretion. Deacon Morrill was subsequently added to this Committee. Adjourned.

DANIEL L. GIBBENS Clerk.

The Standing Committee met after the morning service May 13, 1832, all the members present.

A Request from the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts for the use of the Meeting house on the last Wednesday of the present Month for the delivery of an address on the occasion of the dedication of the Masonic Temple, was made by the Clerk, Whereupon it Was Voted unanimously, that the request be cheerfully complied with.

It was also Voted that the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company have the use of the Meeting house on the first Monday in June, if requested.

The Chairman of the Committee on repairs reported that various estimate had been procured of very considerable Repairs, which were laid before the Committee for their consideration. And after a very full dis-

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cussion and due deliberation, it was Voted unanimously that the Sub-Committee be directed to cause all necessary Repairs to be made in and about the Building at their discretion, but particularly the painting the meeting house, inside and outside, Whiting the Ceiling, Coloring the Walls, Painting the blinds on the back side of the Society's Block of Houses, raising and paving the avenue on the North side of the Church etc. etc.

Voted that the Treasurer be authorized to borrow any sum of Money which may be necessary to pay the expence of such repairs as may be made [77] under the direction of the sub-Committee, provided it shall not exceed the sum of two thousand Dollars.

DANIEL L. GIBBENS Clerk.

May 27, 1832.

A Meeting of the standing Committee was held after the morning services, When a communication from the Standing Committee of Hollis Street Church, was read by the Reverend Mr. Frothingham, inviting the Members of this Society, to seats in their Church, during the time this house may be vacated for Repairs, And it was

Voted to accept the invitation.

The same communication also proffers the use of Hollis Street Church for the thursday Lectures, and it was

Voted that this subject be referred to the Reverend Pastor, to be laid before the Clergymen who usually officiate at those Lectures.

DANIEL L. GIBBENS Clerk.

A Meeting of the Committee was held at the store of Mr. D. Francis, to decide on the manner in which the next Annual Meeting may be called. A Majority of the Committee being present it was

Voted that the Clerk be directed to issue notifications to the Members of the Society in addition to depositing the usual notifications in the Pews.

DANIEL L. GIBBENS Clerk.

July 1832.

[78] The Annual Meeting of The First Church Corporation was held in the Vestry July 17, 1832.

The Reverend Mr. Frothingham opened the meeting with Prayer, and it was then organized by the appointment of Deacon James Morrill as Moderator.

The Records of the last Annual Meeting, and of the doings of the standing

Committee at their several meetings were read by the Clerk. Colonel Daniel Messinger was appointed to collect, sort and count the votes for officers of the Corporation for the ensuing year, and the following Gentlemen were elected, Viz.

Daniel L. Gibbens	Clerk
David Francis	Treasurer
James Morrill	Standing Committee.
James Phillips	
Daniel Messinger	
Daniel L. Gibbens	
David Francis	
Ebenezer Chadwick	
Josiah Bradlee	
Charles Sprague	
J. T. Buckingham	
Henry Cutter	Committee of Finance
Asa Richardson	
George Barker	

The following Report was read and accepted, The Committee appointed at the last Annual Meeting of the Proprietors of the First Church who were required "to audit and examine the accounts of the Treasurer and to report thereon" have attended to that duty and respectfully submit the following Report.

Your Committee have carefully examined the accounts forwarded to them by David Francis Esq. and compared the entries in the Ledger with the annexed account Current, made up to the 30th June last, and find them to agree, that they are rightly cast and properly vouched excepting two quarters salary to the Rev. Mr. Frothingham, \$137.50 allowed Mr. Cabot for repairs, \$83 for Insurance, and five dollars to the Sexton, for which there appears no receipts or vouchers. All which the Committee have no doubt have been duly paid agreeably to the entries in the Treasurers accounts. But they recommend the vouchers for which [79] be obtained, and placed on File together with the policies of Insurance for future reference.

Boston, July 16, 1832.

(Signed) RALPH HUNTINGTON
JAMES W. VOSE
LEVI BLISS } Committee
of
Finance

The Treasurers Account Current, accompanying the foregoing Report, is placed on file. On Motion of Mr. Francis it was Voted That the Standing Committee be requested, forthwith, to advertise and sell at Auction any number of the Pews belonging to the Society that they may think expedient. On Motion of Mr. Buckingham, the first Article of the By Laws was altered by inserting at the end, the following words, "or in such other mode as the Standing Committee may direct."

Voted that the Standing Committee be authorized to appoint a Sexton, from time to time, and to decide what compensation he shall receive.

The Meeting was then adjourned.

DANIEL L. GIBBENS Clerk.

July 22, 1832. The Standing Committee met after the morning service. Francis Dillaway was reappointed Sexton for the Current year, and his salary was fixed at One hundred dollars per year, payable quarterly.

Messrs. Messinger, Phillips and Sprague were appointed a Committee to superintend the Organ Loft.

The Sub-Committee who have in charge the repairs now being made on the house, reported progress, and were instructed to complete their labors agreeably to their original plan, and Also to ascertain if any alterations can be made in the School Rooms on the lower floor which will be for the interest of the Corporation and if so to report a plan and the probable expence. Mr. Chadwick was added to the Committee.

A Communication from the Clerk of the Proprietors of the Church in Brattle Square, transmitting a Vote of the Standing Committee of that Society, was read, And it was Voted that the thanks of this Committee be communicated by the Chairman to the Committee of the Church in Brattle Square for their friendly invitation to seats in their house.

DANIEL L. GIBBENS Clerk.

[80] Boston, October 14, 1832.

The Standing Committee met this day, and Voted that the Treasurer be authorized to borrow any further sums of Money which may be required to pay the existing Bills for Repairs, not exceeding five hundred Dollars.

Voted That the Treasurer be directed to call on certain Persons for damages sustained by this Corporation in the destruction of Bricks, Fence etc. by reason of Trucks or other Loaded vehickles having been driven on to the new Brick Passage Way on the North side of the Meeting house.

Voted that the Committee on Repairs be authorized to place a sufficient number of stone Posts in front of the Passage Way, to prevent future injury.

DANIEL L. GIBBENS Clerk.

A Circular was read from the Desk, by the Reverend Mr. Frothingham, soliciting aid for the inhabitants of The Cape De Verd Islands, who are represented as in a perishing condition, by reason of famine, and the congregation was notified that a collection would be taken for their relief, in the afternoon. The sum of One hundred and eighteen dollars and twenty five cents was collected and subsequently paid over (to the Committee appointed by the Citizens to collect subscriptions) by Deacon J. H. Foster.

D. L. GIBBENS Clerk.

A Meeting of the Committee was held December 23, 1832.

An Application for the use of the house, for the purpose of "making an appeal in behalf of the Slaves, and to remove mistaken prejudices in relation to the principles and measures of the New England Anti Slavery Society, and Also to invite personal and pecuniary cooperation" signed Arnold Buffum, President, was read, And it was Voted that it is inexpedient to grant the request.

D. L. GIBBENS Clerk.

A Meeting of the Committee was held March 31.

A Communication was received from G. W. T. Jones, Organist, asking for an increase of his Salary, and it was Voted unanimously that the Clerk be directed to notify him that his services in the Organ Loft will be dispensed with, from and after the first day of July next.⁸

D. L. GIBBENS Clerk.

[81] The Standing Committee met April 14, 1833.

Mr. Phillips was appointed Chairman for the current year. The Treas-

⁸ On March 23, 1833 Mr. Gilbert William Thomas Jones addressed a communication to the Committee in which he refers to "the disadvantages under which I have laboured during the time I have been Organist at your Church, as compared with the advantages received by the organists at other Churches—the encouragement bestowed upon them as teachers of Music, by the members of the Church, has fully compensated for the small salary received—As I have not received the Benefit I anticipated from the Members, not having had one of the numerous families attending as a Pupil, I must solicit your kindness and beg of you to make such an increase to my Salary as will at least remunerate me for the services, I hope I have render'd to your satisfaction." (Ms. letter in Church File.) Cf. p. 742.

urer was authorized to let any vacant Pew belonging to the corporation for any sum not less than the taxes.

Messrs. Phillips and Gibbens were appointed a Committee to superintend all Repairs that may become necessary.

D. L. GIBBENS Clerk.

At a Meeting of the standing Committe on Lords day May 5, 1833.

Application was made in behalf of the sunday school, for thirty dollars to be appropriated to the purchase of Books, and the Reverend Mr. Frothingham and Messrs. Chadwick and Gibbens were appointed a Committee to enquire into the circumstances and history of that establishment, to report at a future meeting.

DANIEL L. GIBBENS Clerk.

The Committee met after the Morning service May 19, 1833.

The Committee on the Sunday School, offered the following Report, which was unanimously accepted, Viz.

Boston, May 11, 1833.

The Committee appointed to enquire into the state of the Sunday School having attended to that service, Report That the following questions seemed to them to enter fairly into the province of their Commission: Viz. How is that School composed? How has it been supported? What has been its success? to whom does it belong? and how shall it be in future maintained? To these questions they agree in replying.

1st The Chauncy Sunday School was originally an offset from the Franklin Sunday School, the Directors of which, requiring another room for its accommodation, asked and obtained the use of the Vestry of the First Church. The Children of this Society were invited to attend for instruction, and several Ladies belonging to it were persuaded to become instructors, in the new School; At present, two thirds of the pupils, and one half of the teachers are Members of the Society of First Church.

2d It has has been supported by this Church from the beginning until now. The expences of such an establishment will vary somewhat, one year from another, but the greatest of them, arising from the purchase of Books has been already met. [82] During the last year the sum of thirteen dollars only was required.

3d The School has been made honorable mention of, in printed reports, and your Committee believe, has answered faithfully and fully the ends,



James Morrill

1751-1833

Deacon of the First Church, 1789-1833

for which it was instituted. It is in a flourishing Condition and has been well conducted, the teachers continuing to take a strong interest in the services, which they benevolently undertook. Its library is sufficiently full and in good order, and your Committee agree in the opinion expressed by its present Principal, that a great multiplication of books in such a school, is not only without use, but absolutely hurtful.

4th From what has been stated, your Committee conclude that the Chauncy School truly and properly belongs to the First Church, which has adopted and fostered it. And they therefore do, in answer to the 5th Question, which they proposed to themselves, respectfully recommend, that we shall consider ourselves responsible for its future usefullness; that we shall endeavor to awaken a new attention to it, as our own property and charge; and that any needed sum, not exceeding Twenty five dollars, shall be appropriated annually, to its support.

On behalf of the Committee,
N. L. FROTHINGHAM.

The Clerk communicated the application of the Reverend Mr. Danforth, for the use of the Meeting house this afternoon at five oClock, to preach a Charity Sermon on behalf of the Colonization Society, And it was voted unanimously, that it is inexpedient to grant the request.

Application was also made by a Committee of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company, for the use of the house on the first monday in June next, for the performance of religious services on their anniversary, and it was unanimously Voted that the request be granted.

DANIEL L. GIBBENS Clerk.

[83] On the third day of April 1833 Departed this life Deacon James Morrill, at the advanced age of Eighty two years, having been a worshipper at the First Church more than fifty four years. One of the Officers of the Church forty three years; Chairman of the Standing Committee, and Moderator of the Proprietors Meetings for nearly twenty years in succession. He was a devoted friend to the interests of the Society and to the Religion which he professed. The following is an extract from a Sermon preached by the Rev. Mr. Frothingham on the Sunday after his death.

“A venerable member of this society, and officer of this Church, has been withdrawn from among us. No one can better deserve than he to have respectful notice made of him, in a religious community which he loved so well, adhered to so firmly and served so long with the most diligent and

conscientious offices. His whole life was one of great exactness and method. He carried those qualities in a remarkable degree into his worldly affairs and his religious duties, and the various relations of social life. After having been faithful in them all—And what is there upon earth that has a right to claim any superiority over faithfulness?—He has gone while he was yet capable of exercising that virtue, and gone where he shall find its reward. He had no wish to outlive his power of devising and doing good, and he was not called to that trial. He shrunk from the thought of outliving himself, and so far was he from being called to any such humiliation, that the faculties of his Soul seemed to become concentrated and brightened as they drew near to those eternal objects which the eye of flesh has not seen. I need not remind this Church of Christ of his unceasing thoughtfulness for its interests, neither should I be justified to speak in public of those many exercises of kindness and charity, of which he never spoke at all, content to perform them, and never thinking of making their record anywhere, even in the memory or knowledge of those whom he benefited; His character was so plain and unostentatious, his simple habits so apart from the incidents and stir of the great World, his modest judgement so inconsistent with any parade of Eulogy, that it would be wholly out of place to attempt to gather up the incidents of a life that had very few incidents to present, or to eulogize, before the world, upon the worth of a lost friend. But there are two circumstances, on which he would forgive my speaking, if he could take once more his familiar place among us, and on which I could not feel excused if I were silent. One is the manner in which he met death, the other is the Office which he has so long sustained in this Church of our Lord. When we think of his Departure from us, we can do it with the [84] utmost satisfaction, at all the circumstances that attended it—It was peace, such as passes the understanding of irreligious men, not given by the full World when it means to be most munificent, and not shaken by any terrors or convulsions of mortality. He looked upon the event to which he was conscious of drawing nigh, without impatience and without fear, with a mind collected and more than tranquil. No pain disturbed a feature of his face, no misgiving clouded for an instant his Spirit. The offices of piety, that had always been his delight, were his solace to the last. The christian faith, in its simple form that had for so many conscientious years been his profession, was ascertained in the closing scene of his trial to be an abundant support. I could wish for no being on earth a gentler display of Gods goodness, in the removal from Earth, and I would call on all those who scarcely discern that goodness except in health and strength and abundance and pleasure, to behold it displayed far more marvellously in

the languors of sickness, Amidst the decays of Age, and under the gathering mists of the Valley of death. I need not remind you how strong his attachment was to the solemnities of this house of worship, and especially to occasions like the present (Communion Sunday April 7, 1833) when he was accustomed to serve at the table of his Master's love and sorrow. He stood by it the last time it was spread, and after that came no more among us. There is something affecting in this incident. For forty three years and upwards he has ministered at your Communion, and through that long tract of time, he was seldom disabled by ill health, or prevented by avocations, from coming up to these memorials of Christ. To day we look for him in his place and he is not there. Not there. He has gone, as we trust, towards a more glorious assembly, to the Church of first born Sons which are written in heaven, where is neither faltering Step, nor heavy heart, and no more need of any commemorative services to remind him of a present Redeemer; We miss him on this festival of the Resurrection (Easter day) We accept the propitious omen, We feel the silent prophecy. He who has "come to his grave, in a full age, like as a shock of Corn cometh in in his Season," has gone to be joined to that risen one, who was "the first fruits of them that sleep."⁹

Boston, July 13, 1833.

The Proprietors of Pews in the First Church were notified to attend the Annual Meeting on tuesday the 16th instant at 4 oClock P.M.

DANIEL L. GIBBENS Clerk.

[85] The Annual Meeting of the Corporation of the First Church in Boston was holden at the Meeting House in Chauncy Place on Tuesday, July 16, 1833.

The Meeting was opened with prayer by the Reverend Pastor of the Church and was then organized by the appointment of James Phillips Esq. as Moderator.

The Records of the last Annual Meeting, and of the doings of the Standing Committee during the past year were read. Mr. Henry Cutter was appointed to collect, assort and count the votes for the Officers of the Cor-

⁹ James Morrill, son of Rev. Isaac and Dorothy (Ruggles) Morrill, was born in Wilmington, February 8, 1751 and died in Boston, April 3, 1833. He married in 1778 Mary Glover born 1760; died April 3, 1842. He settled originally in Providence, R. I., but removed to Boston where he was a flour merchant. He had four children.

poration: and the following Gentlemen were severally elected to the respective offices, viz.

Charles C. Paine, Clerk,

and was qualified by taking the oath of office which was administered by William Hayden Jr. Esquire.

David Francis, Treasurer.

Samuel H. Babcock	}	Standing Committee.
James Phillips		
Asa Richardson		
Daniel Messinger		
David Francis		
Daniel L. Gibbens		
Joseph T. Buckingham		
William Hayden Jr.		
George Barker	}	Committee of Finance.
Charles Sprague		
William Hayden Jr.		
Daniel L. Gibbens		

The following Report was made by the Committee of Finance and accepted.

Dr.	The Proprietors of First Church in account with the Treasurer.	Cr.
Dr.	To amount paid for repairs on Church and Houses	2792.82
1832	To amount paid Pastor, one year's Salary	1425.
July 1	To amount paid Choristers, Organist, etc.	826.75
to	To amount paid Sexton, one year's Salary	100.
June 30	To amount paid Fuel and Sawing	64.92
1833.	To amount paid Interest on Notes	467.90
	To amount paid Public Taxes	145.14
	To amount paid Insurance against Fire	65.
	To amount paid Note Globe Bank	500.
	To amount paid Note Josiah Bradlee	100.
	To amount paid Sunday School	25.30
	To amount paid Proportion Thursday Lecture	5.
	To amount paid Proportion Convention Dinner	9.
	To amount paid Commission on Collection of Taxes	78.24
	To amount paid Sundry other small expenses	8.92
	Cash on hand	81.43
		<hr/> \$6695.42

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Cr.	Balance on hand	183.67
1832	Cash from Rents	1966.40
July 1 to	Cash from Pews	1555.60
June 30	Cash from Loans	2989.75
1833.		\$6695.42

Boston June 30, 1833. Errors Excepted

(Signed) DAVID FRANCIS Treasurer.

Boston, July 13, 1833.

We certify that the above Account has been carefully examined by Us, that all the items are well vouched, and that the balance is carried to New Account on the Treasurer's Books.

(Signed) HENRY CUTTER, G. BARKER, ASA RICHARDSON,
Committee of Finance.

The following Report by the Treasurer was also made and accepted:

1.	The Debt of the Corporation, in June, 1832, in Notes on interest at different terms, was	7239.00
	In 1832-33, the very thorough repairs, done to the Meet- ing House, increased this debt	2500.
	Making the present debt	\$9739.00
2.	The property of the Corporation may be estimated as follows:	
	The Church and Land	32000.00
	The Four Dwelling Houses	36000.00
		68000.00
	Deduct the Debt	9739.
	Leaves	\$58261.00
3.	The ordinary yearly expenses of the Corporation are as follows, viz:	
	Clergyman	1425.00
	Choristers etc.	900.
	Fuel	65.
	Sexton	100.
	Insurance on \$26000.	65.
	Interest on Notes	508.
	Sundry small bills	37.
		\$3100.00

4. The Income arises from Rents of Houses	1625.
Rents of School Rooms	
and Cellar	368.
Taxes on Pews	<u>1507.</u>

\$3500.00

leaving a surplus of \$400. for extra expenses yearly.

5. The Corporation possess thirty four Pews in the Church, eighteen below and sixteen above, taxed at a yearly rate of about \$400; of these, thirteen are occupied in whole or in part and yeild a yearly tax of \$135.00.

On Motion of Mr. Hayden the Sixth Article of the By-Laws was amended by adding thereto the following words, viz: "This Committee shall also prepare and report at each annual meeting a particular account of the receipts and expenditures of the past year, together with a statement of the debt and of the available funds of the Proprietors."

It was Voted That the Standing Committee be authorized and empowered to sell forthwith the unsold pews in this Church at such prices as they shall think for the interest of the Proprietors; for which purpose they be directed to take such measures as they may deem expedient for that purpose.

Voted That the Standing Committee be authorized, if they deem it expedient, to remove the four back pews at the bottom of the aisles; and [87] for that purpose to make an arrangement with Mr. Barker for an exchange of pews.

Voted That the Standing Committee have the usual power to appoint a Sexton.

The Meeting was then adjourned.

CHARLES CUSHING Paine Clerk.

August 11, 1833.

The Standing Committee met after the morning Service, and James Phillips Esquire was appointed Chairman.

Francis Dillaway was appointed Sexton for the ensuing year, on the same terms as during the last year.

Messrs. Messinger and Phillips were appointed a Committee to have charge of the Organ Loft.

Messrs. Gibbens, Babcock and Barker were appointed a Committee of Repairs.

The Committee on Repairs were instructed to examine the Ground Floor of the Meeting House and to report as to increasing the rent from it. They

were also requested to procure the Winter's supply of Wood for the House.

CHARLES C. PAINE Clerk.

August 25, 1833. The Standing Committee met after the Morning Service.

The Committee on Repairs reported that they had examined the Ground Floor of the Meeting House and that no repairs in the apartments on the same were necessary, but that the rents received therefrom should be raised, viz: of that occupied by

Miss Ayres, which now pays \$80.00 to \$100.00

Mr. Titcomb, which now pays \$88.00 to \$125.00

Miss Whitney, which now pays \$100.00 to \$125.00

and that the Vestry be let for a Female School at an annual rent of \$150.00.

The Report was accepted and the Treasurer was directed to notify the above named Tenants that the said rents would be required of them after the next quarter day: and to advertise the Vestry.

CHARLES C. PAINE Clerk.

October 20, 1833. The Standing Committee met after the Morning Service.

The Treasurer's proposition to collect the taxes on the Pews for the whole year at the beginning of the year, allowing [88] a discount of five per cent on the amount, was approved and authorized. The Treasurer was also authorized to carpet one of the galleries with a carpet three feet wide. The Committee on repairs reported that a thorough examination by two skillful mechanics had been made under their direction into the condition of the house occupied by Mr. Parker and no repairs were found necessary and that they had accordingly declined making any.

CHARLES C. PAINE Clerk.

February 16, 1834. The Members of the Society were requested to remain after the Afternoon Services and being called to order, Mr. Phillips presiding.

It was Voted that William B. Fowle, Daniel L. Gibbens and James Phillips be a Committee to wait on the Reverend pastor, and request a copy of his Morning Sermon for the press; and to print, and distribute according to their discretion, five hundred copies of it.¹

¹ No copy of this sermon has been found.

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Voted that twenty five dollars be appropriated for the expense thereof, and that the treasurer be directed to pay the same.

Voted that the same Committee be authorized to print and distribute an additional number of copies, if they shall be wanted.

Voted that the same Committee be directed to inquire into the expediency of procuring an Instructor in Music for the Sunday School.

CHARLES C. PAINÉ Clerk.

July 6, 1834.

The Standing Committee met after the afternoon services, and Messrs. Messinger and Gibbens were appointed a Committee to request of the reverend pastor a copy, for the press, of his sermon preached on the last Lord's day on the occasion of the death of General Lafayette, and to print and distribute the same according to their discretion.

CHARLES C. PAINÉ Clerk.

Tuesday, July 15, 1834. The Annual Meeting of the Proprietors of the First Church was holden this day at 4 o'clock P.M. at their Meeting House in Chauncy Place.

After a prayer by the reverend pastor, the Meeting was opened by the appointment of James Phillips Esquire as Moderator.

The records of the past year were read by the clerk—Messrs. Fowle and Sprague were appointed a Committee to collect, assort, and count the votes for the choice of Officers. The meeting then proceeded to the election of Officers.

Charles C. Paine was chosen Clerk, and was qualified by Mr. Hayden by taking the oath of office.

David Francis Esquire was chosen Treasurer.

Before proceeding to the appointment of a Committee [89] of Finance, the report of the Committee for the last year was called for, and it was accordingly voted to have it read: but, the Committee reporting that it had, through inadvertance to the amendment made to the sixth by-law at the last Annual Meeting, been drawn in compliance with that by-law as it originally stood only, the Vote to have the report read was reconsidered; and it was then Voted, that, when this Meeting adjourn, it adjourn to this day fortnight at 4 o'clock P.M. and that the Committee of Finance be directed to make their report at that meeting. It was also Voted that the choice of a Committee of Finance be postponed to that meeting.

The following Gentlemen were then chosen to constitute the Standing Committee for the ensuing year.

Daniel L. Gibbens. Daniel Messinger. William Hayden jr. David Francis. Samuel H. Babcock. George Barker. James Phillips. William B. Fowle. Hazen Morse.	}	Standing Committee.
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Voted that the Standing Committee have power to appoint a Sexton for the ensuing year.

All unfinished business was referred to the adjourned Meeting, and the Meeting then adjourned.

CHARLES C. PAINÉ Clerk.

July 15, 1834. The Standing Committee met after the adjournment of the Annual Meeting.

James Phillips Esquire was appointed Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing year.

Voted that the Treasurer be authorized to borrow a sum of money not exceeding five hundred dollars, to pay a promissory note of the Corporation which becomes due on Thursday next.

Voted that Messrs. Hayden and Gibbens be a Committee to inquire into the form heretofore used in giving the notes of the Corporation.

The Committee then adjourned to meet on Sunday next immediately after the Morning Service.

CHARLES C. PAINÉ Clerk.

July 20, 1834. The Standing Committee met after the Morning Service.

The Committee appointed at the last meeting made the following Report:
[90] The sub-committee of the Standing Committee of the First Church, appointed to consider the mode in which Notes have been issued in behalf of the said Church, have attended to that Subject, and Report: That they find that the usual practice, for many years past, has been, for

the Standing Committee to sign all Notes issued for moneys due from the Church: that all the notes now held against the Church are signed by the Standing Committee, with the exception of the four following Notes, which are signed by David Francis, Treasurer, viz.

One note to Daniel Messinger as administrator, for	\$600.
one note to Susan Avery Richardson, for	1000.
one note to Susan Avery Richardson, Guardian, for	1000.
one note to D. Messinger, Administrator, for	500.

All these notes are dated August 1, 1833, and are understood to be in the possession of Daniel Messinger Esquire:

These notes were issued by the present treasurer, under what this Committee consider a great misapprehension of his authority; although the Committee have not the most distant idea but that the treasurer conceived he was doing right when he signed those notes, yet they believe that he had no more authority to sign them than any other individual of the Committee. The Standing Committee is endowed with authority to manage the prudential affairs of the Church; one of the most important acts to be done under that power is, the issuing of Notes in behalf of the Church; and such an act ought only to be done by the Standing Committee. If notes are to be issued with the single signature of the Treasurer, this Committee is at a loss to perceive what possible check there can be against the issuing of such notes, even without the knowledge of the Standing Committee. Some future Treasurer, less restrained by the principles of honour and honesty than the individual who now fills that office, might use the credit of the Church for his own private purposes. Under these views of the Subject, the Sub-committee recommend to the Standing Committee to pass the annexed votes.

Respectfully submitted

(signed) WILLIAM HAYDEN JR. } Sub-Committee.
 DANIEL L. GIBBENS }

Voted that the Treasurer of the First Church be authorized to take up and cancel the four notes mentioned in the foregoing Report, and to cause others, of similar amount, to be issued in their stead, being first signed by at least two thirds of the members of the Standing Committee.

Voted that no note, or other obligation to pay money, shall hereafter be issued in behalf of the Proprietors of the First Church, unless the same shall have been first signed by at least two thirds of the members of the Standing Committee.

The Report and Votes were respectively accepted, and passed.

Messrs. Messinger, Phillips and Gibbens were appointed the Committee on the Organ loft.

[91] Messrs. Gibbens, Babcock, and Barker were appointed the Committee on Repairs.

Francis Dillaway was appointed Sexton on the same terms as last year.

CHARLES C. PAINE Clerk.

Tuesday, July 29, 1834. The Meeting of the Proprietors was holden at their Meeting House in Chauncy Place at 4 P.M. according to the adjournment; Mr. Phillips presiding.

The Records of the former Meeting, and of the doings of the Standing Committee subsequently, were read by the Clerk.

The Committee of Finance submitted the following Report, which was read and accepted.

The Committee, appointed by the Proprietors of the First Church, on the subject of Finance, have carefully examined the accounts of the Treasurer, and find them correctly cast and competently vouched. It appears by the Treasurer's accounts that from the 30th day of June 1833 to the same day of the present year, the following amounts were passed to the credit of the Church, viz.

The Balance of money in the Treasurer's hands, June 30th 1833 81.43

Amount of an error in the accounts of the preceding year 3.40

Amount of taxes on the pews, and Rents of pews, being the property of the Church 1753.79

Amounts received for Rents as follow, vis.

of Henry Cabot, 5 quarters rent of House	687.50
of James Parker, one year's rent of House	575.00
of Jacob Bigelow, 11 months' rent of House	458.34
of Miss Whitney, for rent of School room	117.50
of Mr. Titcomb, for rent of School room	98.12
of Miss Ayres, for rent of School room	93.08
of John Dodd, for rent of Church Cellar	94.25
	2123.79

Amount received of tenants, for taxes on the houses 102.00

Amount received for two tin fenders sold 1.00

Making the total amount of Credits during the year \$4,065.41

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The amounts, disbursed by the Treasurer for account of the Church, within the same year, have been for the following purposes, viz:

Salary of the Reverend Pastor of the Church	1300.00
Expenses of Musical department	899.12
Interest on the Church debt	513.68
On account of the Principal of one of the Notes outstanding against the Church	209.00
City tax on the Church property	150.45
Fuel for the Reverend Pastor's House	125.00
Salary of the Sexton, including his attendance on the Thursday Lectures	105.00
Sundry repairs on the Church and Houses	90.49
Premium of Insurance on the Church property	65.00
Fuel for the Church	52.29
Carpet for the Gallery	46.71

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Commission for collecting Pew taxes	17.30
Books etc. for the use of the Sunday Schools	27.23
Assessment towards the Dinner, for the Convention of Ministers	9.00
For Mats etc. for the Church	3.42
Making the whole amount expended during the year	<u>\$3613.69</u>
The whole amount of Credits as before Stated is	4065.41
Total of expenditures	<u>3613.69</u>
Leaving a balance of money in the hands of the Treasurer on the 30th day of June last, amounting to	\$ 451.72
On the 30th of June 1833, the total amount of the debt of the First Church was	9739.00
The Sum paid on account of the principal of the Debt within the last year was	<u>209.00</u>
Leaving the total amount of the Debt on the 30th of June, 1834	<u>9530.00</u>

Although the annual expenditures for the support of this Church appear to be very considerable in their aggregate amount, yet this Committee are not able to perceive that any important reduction of the usual expenses can be made. The disbursements for the Musical department are very high; the gentlemen who have charge of that department are best qualified to judge whether they can be reduced. This highly interesting portion of our

public devotions deserves, in the opinion of this Committee, the continued attention and support of the brethren of the First Church. If it can be properly supported at less expense, the saving of expense would be gratifying; and it would be more conformable also to a positive vote of the Proprietors, adopted some years since, limiting the amount of this expenditure. If however no saving of expense can be made in this respect without diminishing the excellence of the Music which the worshippers in this Church have for some time past enjoyed, this Committee do not advise to any alteration.

July 29, 1834.

(Signed) WILLIAM HAYDEN JR. for the Committee of Finance.

After some discussion of the expenses of the Musical department, the following Vote was passed.

Voted that the Standing Committee are hereby authorized to make any arrangements which they may think proper in regard to the performances in the Organ loft, without reference to the restrictive vote on this subject passed by the proprietors on the twentieth day of July, 1830.

It was then Voted to proceed to the choice of a Committee of Finance, and the following Gentlemen were Chosen:

William Hayden Jr.	Committee of Finance.
J. G. Stevenson.	
B. B. Appleton.	

Voted that the Treasurer be authorized to put the demands of the Church against two of its delinquent members into the hands of the Clerk for collection.

The Meeting was then adjourned.

CHARLES C. PAINÉ Clerk.

[93] Sunday, November 16, 1834.

The Standing Committee met after the Morning Services.

The use of the Church on the next Sunday evening was granted to Miss Woodward, for the purpose of having an Oratorio: it having been previously ascertained, that the Insurance on the building would not be affected thereby: the church to be lighted and used under the direction of the Committee on the Organ Loft.

The Committee on Repairs were authorized to renew Mr. Parker's lease

of the House now occupied by him for five years at a rent of not less than Seven hundred dollars a year, he paying the taxes and all repairs.

Messrs. Hayden and Fowle were appointed a Committee to ascertain on what terms a loan of money to the Church, sufficient to redeem all the outstanding notes, could be obtained.

CHARLES C. PAINÉ Clerk.

Monday, January 19, 1835.

A meeting of the Proprietors, having been duly notified by the clerk and also by a notice from the pulpit, was holden this day at three o'clock in the afternoon; and having been called to order by the clerk, James Phillips Esq. was appointed Moderator.

It was stated from the Chair that a petition had been presented to the City Government, praying to have Chauncy Place laid open as a public street; and the present meeting was called to take measures in opposition thereto. Deacon Foster and other gentlemen expressed their feelings on the subject, and the Reverend Pastor offered the following resolutions, which were unanimously passed.

Voted That we hear with great concern of a proposal to open Chauncy place into a public street; That we should consider such a measure a violation of our privileges, and highly injurious to our interests and comfort; That we do not consider the public convenience to require the infliction of so great an evil upon us; and That we do earnestly deprecate and protest against it.

Voted That the Standing Committee be instructed to act for the Society in the premises; and with full power to represent it, and take every step, which future circumstances may render necessary.

The following resolution was then passed.

Voted that the Standing Committee take into consideration a Communication from the Hon. William Prescott and others, proprietors of Estates on Chauncy Place, and examine the deeds or other articles of agreement between this Corporation and Ebenezer Preble Esquire, by which they obtained the right of way in Chauncy place; and report at a future meeting; and they are authorized [94] to employ counsel, if necessary.

The Standing Committee were also directed to inquire whether a right of way for foot passengers would not be soon acquired by the public through Chauncy place by prescription.

The Meeting was then dissolved.

CHARLES C. PAINÉ Clerk.

Sunday, January 25, 1835.

The Standing Committee met after the morning Service, to consider the communication of Judge Prescott and others, above mentioned, requesting a grant in fee of an undivided half part of the portion of Chauncey Place which was opposite their respective houses: this request being made on the supposition that they would have no claim for the injury to their said houses from the opening the Court, unless they owned some part of the court itself.²

The subject, after some discussion, was referred to a sub-committee, consisting of Mr. Hayden and the Clerk.

CHARLES C. PAINE Clerk.

Sunday, February 1, 1835.

The Standing Committee met after the afternoon Service—to act upon a notification from the City Government, appointing Thursday afternoon next for a hearing on the Subject of opening Chauncy place: remonstrances against that measure having been presented as well by the Church as a Corporation, as by the proprietors of pews and worshippers therein, and also by Judge Prescott and others owners of the houses in Chauncy place, by Mr. Thayer as the principal of the School and by the parents of the children attending his and the other schools in the Court, and by the owners of estates in Bedford place and Summer street and the vicinity, and by many gentlemen at large who felt a strong interest in the welfare of the Society.

Mr. Hayden and the Clerk were appointed a committee to appear for the Church and support the remonstrance: with authority to employ some suitable person to measure the distances between streets in the neighbourhood.

The expediency of opening another passage through the Wall for foot passengers, on the other side, was suggested, but the subject was deferred for the present.

CHARLES C. PAINE Clerk.

Sunday, March 22, 1835.

The Standing Committee met after the morning service, to ask for a copy of the Pastor's sermon preached on the last Sunday, being the twentieth anniversary of his Ordination; and Messrs. Phillips, Babcock and Gibbens

² This petition dated January 15, 1835, was signed by William Prescott, C. C. Parsons, Henry Chapman, Jonathan P. Cushing by William Sturges, attorney, Margaret Coffin by E. H. Robbins. (*Church File.*)

were appointed a Committee [95] to wait upon the pastor for the purpose, and to have the usual number of copies printed.

A wish was likewise expressed that the Clerk should enter upon the records those parts of the sermon which related to the doctrines and the practice of the Church.

CHARLES C. PAINE Clerk.

Extracts

From "a Sermon preached to the First Church by its Minister N. L. Frothingham on the twentieth Anniversary of his Ordination, March 15, 1835, printed for the use of the Society, not published."

Text, "This twenty years have I been with thee." Genesis 31:28.

After alluding to the many changes which have taken place in so long a period, he speaks of the Doctrine and Practice of the Church;

"First then of the doctrine of this Church; We have one though it is not fixed in set articles, nor inclosed in any forms, even silver and golden ones, of human device; we have one though it takes that freedom of range, which suits the only boundless theme of the illimitable soul. We have one, tho we are not anxious to define it over closely, nor to mark the deviations from any formulary that any may have prescribed"—"We will not attempt to bind others, and we will not consent to bind ourselves, to think the same thoughts through all generations; but we hold by the teaching of Christ and his disciples; leaving ourselves free to enlarge its interpretation as God shall give us light"—"It is just twenty years ago that the great Controversy broke out in the Churches of this neighbourhood, which has severed their ancient intercourse. It has nearly or quite exhausted itself by this time; for the dispute has become wearisome, both to those who engaged in it and those who looked on—It is known by the name of the Unitarian controversy"—"We remained almost at rest in that earthquake of Schism. If we were sometimes affected by the agitating topics of the time, it was not often"—"Our words have been of brotherly love and mutual Consideration. We silently assumed the ground, or rather found ourselves standing upon it, that there was no warrant in the Scriptures for the idea of a threefold personality in the divine nature; or for that of Atonement, according to the popular understanding of that word; or for that of man's total corruption and inability; or for that of an eternity of woe adjudged as the punishment of earthly Offences; or indeed for any of the peculiar articles in that scheme of faith which went under the name

of the Genevan reformer. We have worshipped only One, the father. We have recognized the Authority of Jesus Christ as a divine Messenger. We have maintained the accountability of man, and a righteous retri[96]bution, and a life beyond this. But in all these points, we were adopting rather practical principles and a ground of edifying, than tenets to be discussed. We have never pretended to understand all mysteries, nor to solve every question that a vain curiosity might propose. We have not sought to penetrate to what is beyond us; but have been content to leave many things in that sacred obscurity, in which they are left by the Written Word, and even upon subjects within the range of reasonable inquiry we have not favoured a controversial tone. We have made more account of the religious sentiment, than of theological opinions.

Such is a summary account of the Views that we have approved respecting doctrines.

Secondly. The Practice of this Church, especially in regard to topics of general interest in the community, and those movements which will at intervals arise and assume a transient importance, offers itself next for our consideration. Has this practice, a stranger might inquire, been in any degree peculiar?

It has, and steadily peculiar. We have been singularly conservative in our customs; mistrustful of innovations, jealous of our liberty, fond of peace, refusing to be influenced by any gustiness of the times. We have loved to dwell within ourselves, and disliked to implicate our concerns with those of other churches, or with any associations of men."

"We have supposed that the exclusive objects of our association were to worship our Maker according to our Consciences, and to maintain the sacred decency of Christian order. We have therefore been unwilling to mix up these objects with plans of a different, however important nature. We have been unwilling to take the stand of missionaries or propagandists in any shape. We have been unwilling to form ourselves into a bible society, or a temperance, or an education, or a benevolent society; or to appear as any thing else than what we are, a Church of Christ, an assembly for Social Worship."

[97] Sunday, April 26, 1835.

The standing Committee met after the morning services.

The Committee on Buildings reported that application had been made to them by Dr. Kirkland to know on what terms the house, now occupied by him under a lease made to Mr. Cabot, might be had after the expiration of the lease.

And thereupon Voted that that Committee arrange the best terms and report.

The same Committee reported that Mr. Parker would accept a new lease of his house on the terms required, provided he were allowed to underlet at the expiration of three years to a tenant to be approved on the part of the Church.

Voted that he have such privilege.

The same Committee reported that repairs were required on the house occupied by the pastor.

Voted that that Committee be empowered to put such repairs on said house as they shall deem proper.

The Committee on the organ loft reported that Mr. Jones, who by his contract was bound to give three months notice before leaving, wished an immediate discharge, as he was going to Europe.

Voted that Mr. Jones be released from his engagement, without any pledge on the part of the Church for a renewal of it on his return.³

CHARLES C. PAINE Clerk.

Thursday, June 11, 1835.

The Standing Committee met this day at 3 p.m.

The Committee on Buildings reported that the best terms to be obtained from Dr. Kirkland for the house now leased to Mr. Cabot, were about \$660 per annum, the lease to commence on the 1st of July, and the house to be repaired.

Voted that it is not expedient to lease the house, now hired by Mr. Cabot, on terms less advantageous than those on which Mr. Parker has his house.

Voted that if Dr. Kirkland takes the house, the Committee be authorized to put such repairs on it as they shall judge necessary.

Voted that the Vestry be let for \$125 a year, and that \$25 be allowed to the tenant for the use of the room for the Sunday school and other purposes.

CHARLES C. PAINE Clerk.

[98] Boston, July 21, 1835.

The Annual Meeting of the Proprietors of the First Church was held at their Meeting House this day at 4 O Clock PM. being notified by printed Notifications distributed in the Pews, the Meeting was opened with a

³ Cf. p. 723.

Prayer by the Reverend Pastor, Major James Phillips was chosen Moderator.

C. C. Paine having signified in writing his intention to decline a reelection to the office of Clerk, Messrs. Huntington and Appleton were appointed to collect the votes for his successor. On counting the votes B. B. Appleton was declared to be elected and was duly qualified by taking the usual oath of office which was administered by William Hayden Esquire.

The committee on finance made the following report Viz.

"The Committee appointed by the Proprietors of the First Church, on the subject of Finance, respectfully, Report:

That they have carefully examined the accounts of the Treasurer, for the past year and find the same accurately kept, and correctly vouched.

The Amounts credited to the Church, in the Treasurers account, are as follows, Viz.

Balance of money in his hands, June 20, 1834	451.72
Loans made under authority of the Standing Committee	3400.00
Taxes on Pews in the Church	1570.77

Rents:

House occupied by Dr. Bigelow—1 year	500.00
House occupied by Mr. James Parker 1 year	575.00
House occupied by Mr. H. Cabot 3 years	412.50
School Room under Church by Miss Eayres	100.00
School Room under Church by Miss Whitney	125.00
School Room under Church by Cushing & Cleveland	60.00
Cellar under the Church by Mr. Dodd	100.00
	1872.50
Taxes on Houses, repaid by Tenants	112.80
Amount received from James Parker, for repairs on his House	10.50

Making the whole amount received by the Treasurer in behalf of the Church, during the Year which closed June 30, 1835 7,418.29

During the same year, disbursements have been made, by the Treasurer as follows, Viz.

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Salary, of the Rev. Pastor	1300.00
Allowance to the Pastor, in lieu of Fuel	125.00

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Expenses of Music	899.00
Salary of the Sexton	100.00
Paid on account of the principal of the Societys Debt	3730.00
Paid the Interest on the Societys Debt	623.81
City Tax on the Real Estate	166.38
Premium of Insurance on the Church and Houses	65.00
Printing Sermons, Bills, and Notifications	49.00
Books for Sunday School	24.48
Fuel for the Church	32.42
For Repairs of Buildings	222.37
Legal services, collecting bills, Convention-Dinner, and Thursday lecture	<u>22.01</u>
Making the whole amount actually paid out, by the Treasurer, in behalf of the Church, during the Year	<u>7,359.47</u>
Whole amount of Receipts, as above stated	<u>7,418.29</u>
Total of Expenditures	<u>7,359.47</u>
Leaving a balance in the hands of the Treasurer, at the credit of the First Church, on the first day of the present month, amounting to	<u>\$ 58.82</u>
By the last annual financial Report, it appears that the Debt of the Proprietors of the First Church amounted to	<u>9,530.00</u>
By the foregoing Statement, it will be seen that there has been paid on that Debt, within the Year past, the sum of	<u>330.00</u>
Leaving the amount of the Debt, on the first of the present month	<u>9,200.00</u>
The funds of the Proprietors of the First Church, available to meet the Expenses of the current year, may be stated as follows viz:	
Taxes on Pews	1500.00
Rents	2200.00
	<u>\$3700.00</u>

This amount will probably, be just about sufficient to meet the ordinary annual expenses, as they occur.

Respectfully submitted for the Committee of Finance.

July 21, 1835.

WILLIAM HAYDEN JR., Chairman.

[100] By request, part of the records of the past year was read by D. L. Gibbens, and on Motion of W. Hayden it was Voted that the standing committee be instructed to take proper measures to preserve and protect the rights of the Proprietors to the court or passage way to the Church—Mr. David Francis was unanimously reelected Treasurer—the following gentlemen were chosen the Standing Committee for the ensuing year, D. L. Gibbins, D. Messinger, William Hayden Junior, D. Francis, S. H. Babcock, G. Barker, James Phillips, William B. Fowle and Hazen Morse, after which the following letter was received and read, from G. F. Thayer.

“To the members of the Religius Society called the First Church

Gentlemen, “Whereas in your deed of the 24th of January 1829, conveying to me the lot of land adjoining your Church lot, I am prohibited from appropriating the building or buildings to “any other purpose whatever than for a dwelling or dwellings or for a School house—without the consent of the proprietors of the land on the north east adjoining thereto, being first had and obtained in writing”; and whereas the building called Chauncey Hall, situated thereon, has been used as a lecture room and also as a place of meeting for various literary and scientific Societies by which my title to the land is endangered or absolutely forfeited, in a legal point of view, it is my wish to obtain a counter deed exonerating me from liabilities for the past, and conferring such privileges for the future as are not inconsistent with the intention of the First Church in the original transaction. By giving your attention to this subject, you will confer a favor on

Gentlemen, Your obedient Servant

G. F. THAYER.

Chauncy Hall, July 21, 1835.

On which it was directed to be recorded and placed on file, the Society voting to take no further order on the same.

Voted that the Rev. Mr. Frothingham, Messrs. Sprague and Messinger be a committee to consider and report on the expediency of changing the Hymn Books now in use.

Messrs. Hayden, Appleton and Bliss were chosen a Committee of Finance.

Voted that the Standing committee be authorized to appoint the Sexton, and determine his compensation.

On Motion, Voted that the thanks of this Society be presented to Charles C. Paine Esquire for his [101] able and faithful services as Clerk for two

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years past—and that the present Clerk be instructed to transmit him a Copy of this Vote.

The Meeting was then adjourned.

BENJAMIN B. APPLETON Clerk.

The Clerk was requested to notify the Standing committee to meet on Sunday next.

Standing Committee Meeting, Sunday, July 26, 1835.

Present, Messrs. Phillips, Messinger, Gibbens, Barker, Hayden and Morse.

Colonel Messinger was chosen chairman of the Standing committee in place of Major Phillips who declined to be a candidate. Mr. Dillaway was appointed Sexton, at a Sallery of one hundred Dollars per Year. The Standing committee unanimously approved of the doings of the committee on the Singing department.

Messrs. Gibbens, Babcock and Barker were chosen a committee on repairs. Messrs. Hayden and Francis were appointed a sub committee on the subject of the Court or passage way to the Church. Messrs. Messinger, Phillips and Gibbens were chosen the committee on the Singing department.

Voted that the thanks of the standing committee be presented to James Phillips Esquire for his faithful services as chairman for a number of years past.

BENJAMIN B. APPLETON Clerk.

Sunday, September 20, 1835.

The standing committee met at the Church pursuant to a notice from the Rev. Pastor. A circular letter from a committee for the sufferers by fire in Charlestown was read to them by the Rev. Mr. Frothingham—whereupon it was voted That a meeting of the proprietors be called by the Rev. Pastor after the evening service on the Sabbath following to take further order on the same (all the Committee were present).

A request from a committee in behalf of the Female Asylum, for the use of the church on Friday Afternoon 24th was received—read—and granted.

In accordance with the first of the above votes, a Proprietors meeting was held on Sunday, September 27, P M; the subject of the circular etc. was fully discussed and the following resolution adopted.

“That the Pastor be requested to give notice from the pulpit on the next

Lords Day morning, that a collection will be taken in the afternoon [102] for the benefit of the indigent sufferers by the late fire in Charlestown.

In consequence of the accidental omission of the officiating minister to give this notice, the collection was deferred till the next Lords Day Sunday Oct. 4th. The collection was taken this day amounting to 48.30 and was duly transferred by Dea. Foster to the Charlestown Committee.⁴

B. B. APPLETON Clerk.

Sunday, October 18, 1835.

Standing committee met after the morning service by notice, from the Clerk, the subject of the two Stoves at the east end of the Church, was considered and discussed, Whereupon the Committee on repairs was directed to procure two Stoves if they should deem it expedient of approved construction instead of the present.

The Sexton was also required to make early fires in the Church the more completely to warm the same even if it should be at an additional expense. The committee on repairs by their chairman made a report of the expenses occurred by repairs on the Pastors and the next adjoining house, and some other repairs to the amount of [blank] which was accepted, the same committee was also directed to repair the Gate leading to the Church Yard, with stone posts—or other wise as they may think expedient.

B. B. APPLETON Clerk.

Sunday, November 15, 1835.

The Standing committee were notified from the Pulpit to remain after the morning service, when the committee were informed by the Treasurer, that in consequence of the large expenditure on repairs, he should require some additional funds to pay the several outstanding bills. Whereupon it was voted that the Treasurer be authorized to borrow a sum not exceeding Six Hundred dollars, for eight months from the 1st December, the Clerk was requested to notify the Standing committee to remain after the afternoon service.

The committee met agreeable to the above notice. It was suggested that as real Estate was at this time high—it would be for the interest of the Proprietors to sell [103] one or more of the Dwelling Houses belonging to the

⁴ A Committee of Relief had been organized with David Fosdick, chairman, and W. W. Wheildon, secretary, and upon their investigation it was estimated that about eighty buildings had been destroyed and between two and three hundred persons had been reduced to real want and suffering. Cf. *Charlestown Sufferers* (Printed circular in Church file).

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Proprietors, and pay all the outstanding debts of the Society. After some discussion on the subject it was Voted that the Clerk call a meeting of the Proprietors on Tuesday the 24th at 3 O Clock at the Church to take the subject into consideration.

B. B. APPLETON Clerk.

Proprietors Meeting, November 24, 1835.

A meeting was held at the Church this day, by notice left in the Pews, to consider the expediency of selling one or more of the Dwelling Houses belonging to the society—Col. Messinger was chosen Moderator.

The Treasurer made a Statement of the Debts and resorses of the Society, on Motion, it was voted that a committee of five persons be chosen to take into consideration the disposal of said property and report at an adjourned meeting—Messrs. Brooks, Wales, Paine, Pierce, and Appleton were chosen. The meeting was then adjourned to such time as said committee shall be ready to report.

BENJAMIN B. APPLETON Clerk.

Standing Committee Meeting, December 20, 1835.

A meeting was held after service by notice from the Pulpit, a report from the Hon. Mr. Brooks in behalf of the committee chosen—Nov. 24th—was received, adverse to selling any part of the real Estate, whereupon it was Voted to call a Proprietors meeting on Tuesday December 29th at 4 OClock. The Clerk was directed to notify in the usual manner.

BENJAMIN B. APPLETON Clerk.

Proprietors Meeting, Tuesday 29 December 1835.

The Proprietors met agreeable to notice at 4 O Clock. Col. Messinger in the chair.

The report of the Committee on sale of real estate was read by the Clerk. It was first moved to accept the report, but afterwards it was voted to lay the report on the table till the annual meeting in July. Mr. Francis made a motion that the Standing-committee be authorized to remove the four lower body Pews—which was amended by directing the Clerk to give a notice to that effect on the notification for the annual meeting.

B. B. APPLETON Clerk.

[104] The Standing Committee met after morning service, January 10, 1836.

A letter from the Rev Mr. May was read, requesting the use of the Church

for an Anti Slavery meeting—whereupon Voted, without debate to refuse the same, and that the Clerk be requested to answer the same accordingly.

B. B. APPLETON Clerk.

Sunday, March 27, 1836.

The Standing committee remained after service, by notice from the Clerk. A communication received from the teacher of the Sunday School relating to some Books in their library which were not considered as being any longer useful; on which it was then Voted to request the Rev. Pastor to make a donation of them to the Farm School at Thompsons Island.

A letter having been communicated from Dr. Bigelow requesting to know on what terms the Society will renew his lease after the present shall expire, Voted that the committee on repairs be authorized to renew his lease for five years from the expiration of his present at 750 dollars per annum, without any repairs—and the Clerk was directed to notify Dr. Bigelow that the committee were authorized to treat with him on those terms.

B. B. APPLETON Clerk.

Proprietors Meeting, May 17, 1836.

The Society met this day at 4 o Clock p. m. according to a previous notification—The Meeting was called to order by William Hayden Jr. Esq—and Col. Messinger was to preside.

In the absence of the Clerk, C. C. Paine was elected Clerk pro. tem. and sworn to the faithful discharge of his duties as such by Mr. Hayden.

The Chairman stated the object of the Meeting to be to take measures to oppose the petition lately presented to the Mayor and Aldermen for laying out a Street over Chauncey Place. A Remonstrance which had been prepared, was read and theirupon, Voted That the Standing Committee be requested to sign the same, [105] and send it in to the Mayor and Aldermen as soon as can be conveniently done.

Voted That the Standing Committee be authorized to employ some person to carry round a Remonstrance to the pewholders and Worshipers for them to sign.

The Meeting was then dissolved.

C. C. PINE Clerk, p. t.

a true copy from the minutes.

B. B. APPLETON Clerk.

Standing Committee Meeting, July 17, 1836.

The Standing committee were requested by notice from the Clerk, to remain after the morning service.

The Chairman read a letter from the Superintendent of the Gas Light Company requesting permission to lay the pipes through Chauncy Place. After some conversation the said letter was referred to a committee (Mr. Hayden) to report at the annual meeting such information as he may obtain.

The Sub Committee appointed July 26th to take measures to protect the rights of the Proprietors to the Court or passageway to the Church, reported by Mr. Hayden, that in their opinion, the passage way through the Brick Wall should be closed for a short time to secure to the Proprietors their rights to the same. The Committee were fully empowered to close the said passage way in such manner as they shall think proper.

Letters were read from S. L. Abbot and Calvin Ellis requesting to be considered applicants for the House now occupied by Dr. Bigelow; thereupon the Clerk was directed to inform them, that they should receive the attention of the committee.

B. B. APPLETON Clerk.

[106] The Annual Meeting of The Corporation of The First Church in Boston, was held on Tuesday the 19th day of July at 4 o'clock P. M. pursuant to notifications deposited in the Pews on the Lord's day preceding. The Meeting was opened by Prayer, by the Reverend Mr. Frothingham, and was organized by the appointment of Daniel Messinger, Esquire as Moderator. The records of the past year were read by the Clerk. Messrs. Huntington and Barker were appointed a Committee to collect, assort and count the votes for officers for the ensuing year, and the following Gentlemen were elected to the respective offices, Viz.

Daniel L. Gibbens Clerk
Benjamin B. Appleton Treasurer

Daniel Messinger
Daniel L. Gibbens
James Phillips
David Francis
William Hayden Junior
Samuel H. Babcock
George Barker
Hazen Morse
Noah Doggett

Standing Committee

William Hayden Jr. } Committee
Levi Bliss of
Daniel Hastings } Finance

The Oath of office was administered to the Clerk elect by William Hayden Junior Esquire.

The following Vote was offered by the Committee to whom was referred the communication from George Darracot, asking permission to place Gas Pipes in Chauncy Place, and was unanimously adopted, Viz.

“Application having been made by George Darracot in behalf of the Boston Gas Light Company to lay the Main pipes of that Company through Chauncy Place, It is by the Proprietors of said Church

"Voted That the Boston Gas Light Company be authorized, as far as the Proprietors of this Church are concerned, to lay their main Pipes through Chauncy Place—Provided that said pipes be laid outside of the Sidewalks; And provided, further, that the said Company shall obligate [107] themselves to remove said Pipes whenever they shall be thereto directed by the Proprietors of this Church, their successors or assigns.

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The following Report was made by the Committee of Finance, and unanimously accepted, viz. That according to the By-Laws of the Corporation they have examined the accounts of the Treasurer for the past year—and that they find the same correctly cast and vouched.

The Treasurer has received, on account of the Proprietors, during the year ending on the first of July instant, the following amounts of money, viz.

Balance of money in his hands July 1st 1835.	\$58.82
Taxes on the Pews	\$1535.15
Rents. House occupied by Mr. Parker	668.75
Rents. House occupied by Dr. Kirkland	606.25
Rents. House occupied by Dr. Bigelow	500.00
School room under Church, Miss Ayres	100.00
Miss Whitney	125.00
Cushing and Cleaveland	120.00
Cellar under Church Mr. Dodd	25.00
Taxes on Houses repaid by tenants	116.40
For Note to the Globe Bank for \$600. int. off.	575.70
Making the whole amount received by the Treasurer, in behalf of the Church, during the year which closed	
June 30th 1836	\$4431.07

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Within the same year the Treasurer has paid out,
on the same account, the following sums, viz.

Salary of the Rev. Pastor	\$1,300.00
Allowance to the Pastor in lieu of Fuel	125.00
Expenses of Music	798.89
Salary of the Sexton	100.00
Paid interest on the Society's Debt	460.00
Repairs of Church and Houses	1,141.16
Taxes on Real Estate	171.69
Insurance on Church and Houses	65.00
Printing Sermons	30.00
Books etc. for Sunday School	23.72
For Carpeting for Church	33.48
Fuel, Mats, Convention Dinner	109.43
Commission on Collecting taxes	16.37
 Making the whole amount actually paid out by the Treasurer	 \$4374.74
and leaving a balance in the hands of the Treasurer, July 1st 1836.	 56.33
	 \$4,431.07

[108] By the last annual Report, it appears that the debt of the Proprietors, amounted on the first of July, 1835, to	\$9,200.00
Within the last year, a new Note has been issued, for money borrowed to pay for sundry repairs on the Real Estate of the Proprietors, amounting to	600.00
Which makes the Corporate Debt of the Proprietors of the First Church on the first instant, amount to	\$9,800.00
The Committee do not consider it probable that the Income of the So- ciety, during the ensuing year, will much exceed that of the past, except that the aggregate of Rents will be a little higher. If any further extensive repairs of the Real Estate can be dispensed with it may be possible to pay off, from the revenue of the year, the note which was given to meet the repairs of the last year.	

Respectfully submitted.

(Signed) WILLIAM HAYDEN JUNIOR, in behalf of
The Committee of Finance.

July 19, 1836.

The proposition to remove four of the body Pews and increase the width of the Aisles, was on Motion of Deacon Foster, indefinitely postponed.

The Report of a Committee appointed on the 24th day of November last, to enquire and Report on the expediency of selling a part of the Real Estate belonging to the Corporation, which was laid upon the table on the 29th of December last, and referred to this meeting, was taken up, and accepted unanimously.⁵

The Standing Committee were authorized to appoint a Sexton and determine on the amount he shall receive for his services.

The Record of the above meeting is made from minutes taken by Mr. B. B. Appleton.

DANIEL L. GIBBENS Clerk.

[109] A Meeting of the Standing Committee was held after the morning service, Lords Day, July 24, 1836.

Daniel Messinger Esq. was appointed Chairman for the ensuing year.

Francis Dillaway was appointed Sexton, and his salary fixed at One hundred Dollars for the year. In consideration of extra cleaning about to be done in the Church, it was Voted that twenty five dollars be paid Mr. Dillaway as a donation. Messrs. Messinger and Phillips were appointed to superintend the Organ Loft.

Messrs. Babcock, Barker and Morse were appointed a Committee on Repairs of Buildings. Voted that the last named Committee be requested to cause the Aisle Carpets to be cleansed, and the Windows of the Church to be washed, And that the same Committee cause a Door to be placed in the Vestibule, if they shall consider it expedient. A Communication from Henry H. Tuckerman and also a letter from Doct. Bigelow, soliciting a lease of the house now occupied by the Doctor, was read, and it was Voted that it is inexpedient to give the refusal of the house at present.

⁵ The five page report opposed the sale of any part of the land primarily because it had been a virtual gift dating from 1680 and could not, therefore, be disposed of morally, except in case of the direst necessity of the parish. It was further suggested that financial remedies were available by (1) increasing rental on the houses, (2) increasing pew taxes which were low, and (3) curtailing expenses. It was also pointed out that the present indebtedness had arisen, in considerable measure, as the result of extraordinary repairs to the real estate which would not be immediately recurring. Cf. *Ms. Report* in Church File.

The Treasurer was authorized to offer and sell at Auction any number of the Pews belonging to the Society, not exceeding four.

DANIEL L. GIBBENS Clerk.

Boston, December 25, 1836.

At a Meeting of the Standing Committee this day, the Chairman submitted for its consideration the subject of reorganizing the Organ Loft. And after some discussion, it was Voted to adjourn to tuesday evening next, then to meet at the house of the Rev. Doctor Frothingham by his invitation.

D. L. GIBBENS Clerk.

Tuesday, December 27, 1836.

The Committee met according to adjournment, duly considering the subject proposed at its last meeting.

Voted that the Committee on the Organ Loft be instructed to reengage Miss Woodward, and also to engage Mr. Smith as Organist, for the ensuing year on the same terms as heretofore. It was also

[110] Voted That notice be given to Colonel Newhall and to Mr. Brown, that the Standing Committee of the First Church have made such arrangements in relation to the Music in the Church, as will render their services unnecessary, after the termination of the quarter which commences on the first day of January next.

Voted That the Reverend Doctor Frothingham be added to the Sub-Committee on Music.

DANIEL L. GIBBENS Clerk.

Boston, March 26, 1837.

The Standing Committee met after the morning service, and received a communication from Doctor Jacob Bigelow requesting permission to occupy the house now under lease to him, one quarter, after the expiration of his lease. Whereupon it was Voted that Doctor Bigelow be permitted to retain the house until the first day of August next, at a rent of Seven hundred and fifty dollars per annum and taxes.

Voted that the Committee on Repairs be authorized to lease the house now occupied by Doctor Bigelow from and after the first day of August next, for an annual rent of not less than Seven hundred and fifty Dollars and taxes.

Voted that the same Committee be instructed to enquire and report on the expediency of preparing a number of Pews in the South Gallery, for sale,

or to let, also to ascertain if any alteration can be made in the stairs leading to the Gallery's. And also to report an estimate of the expence of these alterations, and the removal of four Pews from the lower floor.

Mr. Doggett was added to the Committee on repairs.

Application having been made to the Treasurer for the purchase of Pew No 114, It was Voted that he be authorized to dispose of the same at any price not less than One hundred and fifty dollars.

Voted That the Committee now adjourn to meet on the afternoon of the next Lords day.

DANIEL L. GIBBENS Clerk.

[III] April 2, 1837.

The Committee met agreeably to adjournment. The Committee on Repairs report that it is expedient to remove Four Pews from the lower floor, to fit up a number of Pews in the south Gallery and to make alteration in the stairs, which report was accepted and the Committee were authorized to procure the necessary Plans.

DANIEL L. GIBBENS Clerk.

April 9, 1837.

At a meeting of the Standing Committee it was Voted that a Meeting of the Proprietors be notified to be held on Wednesday the 19th instant, at half past three oClock P.M. to consider and act on the subject of alterations and repairs as recommended by the Sub-Committee.

DANIEL L. GIBBENS Clerk.

April 19, 1837.

A Special Meeting of the Proprietors of First Church was held agreeably to notifications deposited in the Pews on the last Lords day. The Standing Committee reported that in their opinion it is expedient to remove the four bottom Pews from the floor of the house. Also to erect two new flights of Stairs to the Galleries and to fit up the Pews in the South Gallery. Which report was accepted and the Committee were authorized to make the alterations and repairs.

Voted that Messrs. C. C. Paine, D. L. Gibbens and William Hayden, Junior be a Committee to consider the expediency of altering or amending the By-Laws conformably to the revised Statutes.

A Communication was received from the Executive Committee of the Fraternity of Churches, and Committed to the Rev. Doct. Frothingham David Francis and T. B. Wales Esquires to consider and report.

On motion of William Hayden, Jr. Esq. it was Voted, unanimously, that the sum of five hundred dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated and granted to the Rev. Pastor of this Church, in addition to his salary for his services during the year which will close on the 30th June next. And that a Committee [112] of the Proprietors be appointed to consider the expediency of increasing the annual salary of the Pastor, with instructions to report at the next Annual Meeting, and Messrs. Sprague, Hayden and Messinger were appointed, that Committee.

DANIEL L. GIBBENS Clerk.

Boston, April 23, 1837. The Standing Committee met after the morning service.

A Communication signed Francis Jackson and seven others soliciting the use of the Church on the 30th of May next for a meeting of the Anti Slavery Convention was read and thereupon Voted unanimously that the request be not granted.

Voted That Messrs. Hayden and Messinger be a Committee to wait on the Reverend Pastor and request a Copy of the Sermon delivered before the Congregation this morning, for publication.

DANIEL L. GIBBENS Clerk.

At a meeting of the Standing Committee, July 16, 1837.

The Committee on repairs reported that they had caused certain repairs and alterations to be made, and asked further instructions, whereupon it was Voted that said Committee make such further repairs in the Gallery and in the Vestibule as in their judgement may be expedient.

Messrs. Barker and Appleton were appointed a Committee to confer with Mrs. Eldad Brown and John L. Phillips in relation to the arrearages due for taxes on the Pew formerly owned by the late Eldad Brown.

The Clerk and Mr. Babcock were appointed a Committee to wait on the Reverend Pastor with the thanks of the Committee for the highly interesting Sermon preached by him this morning and request a Copy of the same for publication.

D. L. GIBBENS Clerk.

[113] Tuesday, July 18, 1837.

The Annual Meeting of the Proprietors of the First Church was holden this day at 4 oClock P.M. agreeably to notifications deposited in the pews on the last Lords day. In conformity with ancient usage, the meeting was

opened with prayer, by the Reverend Pastor, and was subsequently organized by the appointment of Daniel Messinger Esq. as Moderator.

The Records of the past year were read by the Clerk. Mr. Henry Cutter was appointed to collect and count the votes for Officers for the ensuing year. The Moderator declared the following Gentlemen elected to the several Offices, as follows Viz.

Daniel L. Gibbens, Clerk.	
Daniel Messinger	
Daniel L. Gibbens	
James Phillips	
David Francis	
William Hayden Junior	
Samuel H. Babcock	
George Barker	
Hazen Morse	
Noah Doggett	
Benjamin B. Appleton,	Treasurer
William Hayden Junior	
Levi Bliss	
Henry Cutter	

Standing Committee

Committee of Finance

The Oath of office was administered to the Clerk by William Hayden, Junior, Esq.

The Committee of Finance, by their Chairman made the following Report, which was accepted unanimously.

The Committee of Finance of the Proprietors of the First Church respectfully submit to the Proprietors, their Annual Report.

The Committee have fully and carefully examined the accounts of the Treasurer of the Church for the past year, and find those accounts duly vouched and correctly cast.

Within the last year there has been received by the Treasurer on account of the Church the following items of income, Viz.

For [114] Rents Of the two Houses occupied by Messrs.

Kirkland and Parker at \$700. each	1400.
of the house occupied by Dr. Bigelow	500.
of School Rooms under the Church	394.25
of Cellar under the Church	150.
making the whole amount of Rents	2444.25

Received for taxes on Pews during the year	1903.61
Received for sale of Pew No 14	150.
Received for Taxes of the three houses under lease	128.25
Making the income of this Church during the year	<u>4626.11</u>
To which is to be added the amount of balance in money in the Treasurers hands July 1, 1836	<u>56.33</u>
Which makes the whole amount credited in the Treasurers account for the year to July 1, 1837	\$4682.44
The disbursements made by the Treasurer within the year were for the following objects, viz.	
For Salary of the Rev. Pastor of the Church	1300.
Expences of Music	896.50
Paid a Note to the Globe Bank being part of the debt of the Proprietors	600.
Repairs of the Church, the four houses belonging to the Church, the School rooms, fences and out- buildings	486.31
Interest on the debt of the Proprietors	462.
City Taxes on the Church property	190.
Paid the Reverend Pastor in lieu of Fuel	125.
Paid the Salary of the Sexton	150.
Paid for Fuel for the Church	80.95
Premium of Insurance on buildings	72.80
Commission for collecting Taxes	44.82
Sundry incidental charges of small amounts	<u>34.90</u>
Making the whole disbursed, on account of the Proprietors of this Church during the year	<u>4443.28</u>
And leaving a final balance of money in the hands of the Treasurer, at the credit of the Proprietors July 1, 1837 amounting to	\$239.16
The debt of the Proprietors of this Church on the 1st day of July 1836, amounted to	9,800.00
Within the past year there has been paid, on account of that debt the sum of	<u>600.00</u>
Leaving the amount of the debt on 1st July inst.	\$9,200.00
On the 1st day of July 1836, there was due the Pro- prietors for outstanding Taxes most of which had been long deferred, the sum of	330.83
Of that amount, there has been collected within the last year	<u>281.75</u>
	49.08





